

State Entry Form

Celebrating Excellence

The California Landscape Contractors Association presents awards to:

- Encourage interest in landscaping
- Recognize the professionals who produce outstanding landscapes
- Bestow public recognition on companies, institutions, municipalities and residents for their interest in a beautiful California

Who Should Enter?

- Contractors with amazing projects
- Contractors who want to attract and impress potential clients
- Contractors who want to motivate their crews and generate company pride
- Contractors who want to strengthen their relationships with current clients
- You!

STATE AWARDS

Enter by August 7, 2026 and save \$75 per entry!

Deadline: August 14, 2026

Entries received after August 14, 2026 will not be accepted.

Send entries to: CLCA Trophy Awards 2026
1545 River Park Drive, Suite 525
Sacramento, CA 95815

or email to: trophyawards@clca.org

Awards Ceremony

Trophy Award winners will be announced November 6, 2026 during the CLCA Annual Convention in Carlsbad, CA.

Questions? Call CLCA HQ at (916) 830-2780 or email trophyawards@clca.org

clca.org/2026trophyawards



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2026

Entry Rules

1. Entries received after entry deadline will not be accepted. All entries submitted must include the original entry form, digital images, entry fee, and signed project owner's consent. For entries in Design/Build categories, submit plans. Incomplete entries will be returned.
2. Only Regular and Life Members in good standing may enter. For Life Members whose company is not also a CLCA member, the individual's name will be used in awards communications and on plaques.
3. A separate, completed entry form must be submitted for each project.
4. The major portion (51%) of each project (not property) submitted must have been completed by the entrant. No joint submissions.
5. An entrant may not enter their residence or place of business or a family member's residence or place of business.
6. Category cost limitations must be adhered to and written verification may be required.
7. Installation projects must have been completed within the 24 months prior to the entry deadline. A project entered last year may be reentered in the same category this year if it did not win last year.
8. Once you have won a state Trophy Award, the winning project cannot be entered again, except in maintenance categories, which can be entered every third year after a win.
9. The entrant must have maintained maintenance projects for a minimum of 12 months and, at the time of submission, must be providing maintenance on the project.
10. Judges must be allowed access to the project.
11. Include the required high-resolution photos for each entry.
12. Plans are required for Design/Build entries.
13. With the exception of Water Features and Lighting, all subcontracted work IS considered work done by the contractor.

14. For Water Feature and Lighting categories, no more than 25% of the work can be subcontracted.
15. Renovations must have 40% of the square footage in its original state.

Disqualification

Entries may be disqualified if:

1. The entry form is incomplete or illegible.
2. The owner's consent has not been obtained.
3. Company representative(s) or company branding are visible in submitted photos or in the presence of judges.

Violation of rules may result in disqualification and forfeiture of entry fees.

No refunds shall be made if an entry is disqualified.

Step 1: Entry Category

Contract amount: \$ _____

The contract amount listed will be used by state awards organizers to assign your project to the appropriate subcategory. Categories will be divided into subcategories where applicable and at the discretion of the state awards organizers. It WILL NOT be used for any other purpose or shared with anyone outside the awards committee and judging team.

Projects entered in any installation category may also be entered into the xeriscape, water feature and lighting categories. Entry fee is per category.

Installation

- Residential**
Landscape installation on any single-family residence.
 - ___ Small: Landscape costs less than \$85,000
 - ___ Medium: Landscape costs \$85,001–\$150,000
 - ___ Large: Landscape costs \$150,001–\$300,000
 - ___ Estate: Landscape costs \$300,001–\$600,000
 - ___ Estate Unlimited: Landscape costs \$600,001+
- Landscape Renovation**
Landscape renovation. 40% must be original. Please submit three additional “before” photos.
- Design/Build**
Project designed and installed by the contractor. Please submit plans.
 - ___ Design/Build: Landscape costs \$250,000 or less
 - ___ Design/Build Unlimited: Landscape costs \$250,000+
- Commercial**
Entryway, median, building, facility or structure used for educational, business, religious or rental purposes. Includes schools, model homes, condos/townhomes/apartments, public works/sports, parks and athletic facilities.
 - ___ Small Commercial: Landscape costs not exceeding \$400,000
 - ___ Large Commercial: Landscape costs exceeding \$400,000
- Xeriscape**
An attractive, sustainable landscape that conserves water. Residential or commercial.
- Water Features**
Any fountain, waterfall and/or pond.
- Lighting**
Any landscape lighting. Please submit night photos.

Maintenance

- Residential**
Complete landscape maintenance on any single-family residence.
 - ___ Small: Monthly contract \$1,000 or less
 - ___ Large: Monthly contract greater than \$1,000
- Commercial**
Maintenance on commercial project.
 - ___ Small: Monthly contract \$3,000 or less
 - ___ Large: Monthly contract greater than \$3,000
- HOA**
Maintenance on homeowners association.
 - ___ Small: Monthly contract \$6,000 or less
 - ___ Large: Monthly contract greater than \$6,000
- Apartments/Condos/Townhouses**
Complete landscape maintenance on any apartment/condo/townhouse.
- Public Works/Sports, Parks & Athletic Facilities**
Maintenance financed by public funds. Includes schools.

Humanitarian Award

- Nelson Colvin Humanitarian Award**
Recognizes landscape contractors who donate more than half the total labor/materials to a project benefiting a worthy cause. Open to individuals or chapters. No entry fee required for this category.

▶ Step 2: Awards Entry Payment and Submission Info

Entry Fee: \$250 per category entered

No fee for Nelson Colvin Humanitarian Award entries

\$175 per category entered for early entries received at CLCA HQ by Aug. 7, 2026 (Enter early and save!)

If you are submitting one payment for multiple STATE Award entries, please indicate total below:

Number of categories entered at \$250 _____ = \$ _____

Number of categories entered early at \$175 _____ = \$ _____

Check Enclosed Visa Mastercard

Name on card: _____

Card number: _____

Expires: _____ Three-digit CVC: _____

Signature: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Submitting Your State Entry

Submission deadline: August 14, 2026

Enter by August 7, 2026 and save \$75 per entry!

Email entry form to: trophyawards@clca.org

▶▶ To upload photos, CLCA suggests **Boomerang** at **bmrng.me**, a free file upload service that makes sharing multiple large files quick and easy. You may also use **Dropbox** to share your photos.

Entry fee may be paid by credit card via phone by calling (916) 830-2780.

OR mail entry form (include photos on a flash drive) **to:**

CLCA Trophy Awards 2026
1545 River Park Drive, Suite 525
Sacramento, CA 95815

Photo Guidelines

For each entry, submit a maximum of seven photos. Photos should not be digitally altered in any way that does not maintain the integrity of the photo's content. Photos should be good quality and high resolution. Do not reduce file size when sending.

- Name one photo (preferably horizontal) as "plaque" — your choice to be used on the award plaque if you win.
- For entries in lighting, please submit night photos.
- For entries in landscape renovation categories, please submit three additional "before" photos.

Step 3: About Your Company

Entrant Information

Company: _____

Business Phone (include area code): _____

Company Representative Name: _____

Judges may contact this individual between 7 a.m.-8 p.m., seven days a week.

Company Representative Phone (include area code): _____

Company Representative Email: _____

Business Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Your Chapter: _____

Check box if you have been a CLCA member for less than one year.

Project Architect/Designer

Architect/Designer: _____

Firm Name: _____

Architect/Designer Phone: _____

Architect/Designer Email: _____

Office Use Only!

Entry # _____

Category # _____

Project: _____

Step 4: Entry Details

Project Information

Project Name: _____

Homeowner or Property Manager: _____

Best phone number to call if judges encounter challenges accessing site (include area code): _____

Project Access:

Do judges need to be aware of any of the following access issues?

Access Code Required Dogs/Animals Guards Locked Gates

Please describe: _____

Site Specifics & Directions

PLEASE be specific! The judges can't evaluate your project if they can't find it!

Project Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

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Entry # _____

Category # _____

Project: _____

▶ Step 5: Project Overview

Project Overview

Overall size of the owner's property (sq. ft./acres) _____ Size of the landscaped area (sq. ft.) _____

Contract price for this project _____ Date project started _____ Date project completed _____

Give the judges better insight to the scope of your project with informative contractor comments. Note any challenges, extreme conditions and special circumstances you overcame to complete this project. Attach extra sheets if needed. **Do not use the name of your firm.** Inspiration at clca.org/trophyawardsFAQ.

In this box, sketch property lines and structures. **Clearly indicate the actual areas to be judged.**
Please indicate the location of transformers and controllers.

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Entry # _____
Category # _____
Project: _____

Step 6: Project Details

DO NOT use any company names.

- Indicate on the lists below what is to be judged. Refer to your sketch in Step 5. Itemize where required.
- All items of entire contract must be listed. Proof of contract may be required.
- Contractor comments are strongly encouraged, see Step 5.

In the lists below, check the appropriate box for work:

A Completed by Your Company **B** Work Done Not As Part of the Contract

Installation Entries	SCORE
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1. Finish Grading	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. Drainage	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3. Trees	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4. Shrubs	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
5. Groundcover	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
6. Vines	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
7. Turf	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
8. Header Boards	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
9. Irrigation	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
10. Masonry (Please Itemize)		
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
11. Concrete (Please Itemize)		
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
12. Decks, Benches (Please Itemize)		
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
13. Fences	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
14. Water Features (Please Itemize)		
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
15. Retainer (Please Itemize)		
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

16. Other (Please Itemize)

_____ A B _____

_____ A B _____

_____ A B _____

Maintenance Entries	SCORE
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1. General Appearance	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. Trees	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3. Shrubs	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4. Groundcover	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
5. Turf	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
6. Annuals	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
7. Irrigation	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
8. Planter Maintenance (Please Itemize)		
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
9. Water Management (Please Itemize)		
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
10. Water Features (Please Itemize)		
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

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Category # _____

Project: _____

Step 7: Acknowledgements

I/We hereby grant permission to enter our property or premises into the California Landscape Contractors Association's awards.

State judging will occur in mid-September.

I/we understand that no fees or charges of any kind are required of me/us.

By signing below, I/we verify that

(company name)

has: (check all that apply)

- Performed all landscape maintenance on this project for a minimum of 12 months and, at the time of submission, was providing maintenance on the project.
- Performed at least 51% of the installation work on this project and that this project was completed in the past two years
- Accurately recorded the Project Overview information on Step 5
- Completed the Project Details as indicated on Step 6

Project Owner's Signature

Date

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct, that all elements entered are under my (or my company's) prime contract, that I have listed all elements I have NOT installed or I am NOT maintaining that may be mistaken for work performed under my contract, and that the dollar value stated on these pages are in accordance with the contract amount plus any additional work performed.

Contractor's Signature

Date

Photo Permission

CLCA likes to share the beautiful work done by members! If this project wins an award, a photograph will be printed on the plaque. Please approve the additional use of provided photos by **checking ONE** of the following:

- Photos for this entry may be used on the CLCA awards winners web page and by CLCA for marketing and promotional material for the awards, the association and the green industry. On the web page listing winners, photos will be identified by the project name provided in Step 4. On any promotional material the property owner's name(s) and address will not be identified. More privacy info at clca.org/trophyawardsFAQ.
- Photos for this entry may **ONLY** be used for the 2026 CLCA awards ceremony/ ceremonies. If this box is checked, photos will **NOT** be posted to the CLCA awards winners web pages or shared on social media.

Project Owner Signature

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Project: _____

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