

# DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS JUNE 10, 2026

The  
Annapolis Home Magazine  
builder and  
fine design  
awards 2026

## AWARDS DINNER:

Thursday,  
September 23, 2026  
Annapolis Yacht Club

Open to any professional architect,  
designer, builder or contractor who has  
designed or built a project that is located  
within 100 miles of Annapolis, Maryland.

Blind judging by independent professionals in  
the field. Advertising plays no role in judging.

**YOU WILL BE ABLE  
TO SUBMIT YOUR  
APPLICATION ONLINE  
BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2026**

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# GUIDELINES

1. Who is qualified to enter?
  - Any professional architect, designer, builder, or contractor who has designed or built a project that is located within 100 miles of Annapolis, Maryland.
2. Project must be completed at the time of submission, and after **JANUARY 1, 2023**.
3. Entered projects may not have received a previous design or builder award from an Anne Arundel County publication or organization. The one exception is that projects may also have won awards from national or regional professional organizations such as AIA, ASID, ASLA. Projects that have received awards outside AAC may be entered.
4. Projects may have been previously published in AHM.
5. 6-15 professional, high-resolution professional photographs (300 dpi) for each submission. For remodel project, you must include at least one "before" photograph.
6. 1-3 site plans may also be included for Architecture and Landscape Architecture category submissions.
7. Each firm may enter up to 3 projects:  
1st project entry administrative fee: **\$150**  
2nd project entry fee: **\$100**  
3rd project: **\$50**
8. **Grand Prizes** will be awarded, as well as **First Place**, and **Merit** awards. **Note:** The judges reserve the right not to award a prize for a specific category and to consider a project in a different category. All winners will be featured in a special Awards issue of *Annapolis Home Magazine*.
9. To avoid being disqualified, please **DO NOT** mention your company or any other professionals' names in your 300 word essay for each project. Essay should explain why the project warrants an award, and provide details of the project.  
  
**Essay and entry form will be available online April 1.**
10. Any questions will be resolved by the publishers. Publishers' decisions are final.
11. Final guidelines, entry fees, and more information will be available on the awards entry platform by April 1, 2026.

## PHOTOGRAPHY INFORMATION:

**We highly recommend that you enlist a professional photographer.** If you do, make certain that you have written permission from the photographer for *Annapolis Home Magazine*, c/o Taylor-Haywood Media to publish the photographs.

If you need help locating a professional photographer in the area, contact Robert Haywood at robert@annapolishomemag.com.

**Because these awards involve blind judging, a photograph cannot identify the professional's name or company.**

**FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT ROBERT HAYWOOD AT ROBERT@ANNAPOLISHOMEMAG.COM**

# PROJECT CATEGORIES

## Architecture

Residential Architecture—Traditional or Transitional

Residential Architecture—Contemporary

Public or Commercial Architecture

Garage or Outbuilding

## Custom Building

Custom Home Building—fewer than 5,000 square feet

Custom Home Building—over 5,000 square feet

Residential Remodel (include before and after)

Historic Remodel or Restoration

## Kitchen and Bath

Kitchen—Under \$200,000  
(*total kitchen costs, including design and installation*)

Kitchen—Over \$200,000

Bath

## Interior Design

Interior Design—Whole House (*four or more rooms*)

Interior Design—Bedroom

Interior Design—Any other single room except kitchen and bath

Interior Design—Commercial or Public Project

## Out-of-State Project by an Annapolis Designer

Any project by an Annapolis architect or designer that is outside the Maryland and greater Washington, D.C. region.

## Landscape Architecture

Landscape Designed by a Landscape Architect

## Landscape, Hardscape, and Outdoor Living

Landscape Contractor

Waterfront Landscape or Shoreline

Hardscape

Deck and/or Pool

## Distinctive Home Feature

(painting, flooring, countertops, custom windows or doors, etc. or any other single home feature not covered in another category)

## Special Category: Total Home Project by a Professional Team

A new home that has employed all four of these licensed professionals who have produced work at an equal level of quality: **Architecture, Custom Building, Interior Design, and Landscape Architecture**. The project will be reviewed as a whole, but an essay must address all the aspects of the home. On a separate sheet include specific names (not only company names) of each key team member. Names will not be revealed to judges, but will be included in credits should you win. **Notes:** Please make sure all four parties agree to participate in this entry. Also, a professional may enter the home in an individual category.

## Feature Publication Award(s)

For all entries that have not been previously published or are not committed to be published in any print or online publication, your project will also be considered for a special full-length publication award in *Annapolis Home Magazine*.

The judges will review projects in all of these categories and subcategories. Final awards will be solely at their discretion, including not giving an award in a certain category. In 2024, roughly 30 awards were granted.