

TOLEDO CHOICE

— A W A R D S —

SHOW US YOUR BEST

2026 Call for Entries

Entry Information

Please review this page carefully before preparing your entries. It includes important requirements and deadlines for all submissions.

DEADLINE

All entries must be submitted online by **October 1, 2026**.

COST

Entries in categories 1–21 are **\$80 each**. Grand Award categories 22–24 are free with at least two paid category entries. Companies will be invoiced by the HBA for submitted entries. Entry fees must be paid in full prior to the Awards Banquet. No refunds will be given.

ELIGIBILITY

Entrants must be members in good standing of the Home Builders Association of Greater Toledo. Entries must have been completed or updated **between October 1, 2025 and September 30, 2026**.

HOW TO ENTER

All entries will be submitted online through JudgingHub. We recommend gathering your entry materials before beginning your submission.

[2026 ENTRY LINK](#)



SCAN TO ENTER

JUDGING

Entries are evaluated by judges outside the Greater Toledo market. If a category receives only one entry, the entry must earn at least 70% of the available points to qualify for an award. The HBA reserves the right to combine or eliminate categories based on the number or quality of entries received.

WINNERS

Winners will be announced at the HBA Annual Banquet & Casino Night on November 12, 2026.

Your Best Work Deserves to Be Seen.

Every year, HBA members complete projects that reflect their craftsmanship, creativity, and commitment to excellence. The Toledo Choice Awards are your opportunity to showcase that work, tell the story behind it, and earn the recognition it deserves.

What Makes a Winning Entry

A winning entry does more than showcase great photos. It helps judges understand why your project stands out.

- **Choose great photos.** Use clear, high-quality images that highlight the project's best features.
- **Tell the story.** Share the vision, craftsmanship, or unique challenges behind the project.
- **Complete your submission.** Include all requested materials for your category.
- **Keep it focused.** Clear, concise responses help judges quickly understand what makes your entry award-worthy.

JUDGES' TIP



Our judges only see what you submit. Help them understand what can't be seen in a photo by pointing out custom details, unique craftsmanship, design challenges, or special features.

Tips for a Strong Entry

Photography Matters

Great photos highlight the craftsmanship, details, and design decisions that set your work apart.

JUDGES' TIP

“ **Stage every photo before you take it.** Remove clutter, cords, garbage cans, vehicles, and other distractions. Use well-lit, high-quality photos that keep the focus on your work, not the distractions around it.

Tell Your Story

Your Project Story tells judges what photos can't. Briefly share the vision behind the project, what makes it unique, and any challenges, creative solutions, or details they should know.

JUDGES' TIP

“ **Be descriptive, but be concise.** Judges read many entries. Focus on what makes your project stand out instead of including every detail.

Know What You're Entering

Review each category description carefully before entering. Categories are designed to recognize different types of work and accomplishments, so be sure your entry aligns with the specific award criteria.

JUDGES' TIP

“ **Focus your entry on what that specific category is recognizing.** Your photos and Project Story should help judges see why your entry stands out in that category.

Marketing, Promotion, & Sales

1. Best Logo Design

Recognizes logos that stand out for creativity, clarity, and strong brand identity.

Include:

- Brief Description (150 words maximum): Share the concept or inspiration behind the logo and how it represents the company or brand.
- Logo File

2. Best Website

Honors websites that combine great design with ease of use and effectiveness.

Include:

- Project Story (300 words maximum)
- Website Link (website will be judged live)

3. Best Charitable Event

Celebrates events that make an impact. Judges will consider creativity, execution, and the measurable benefits delivered to the community or cause.

Include:

- Project Story (300 words maximum)
- Up to 6 Photos
- Up to 3 Supporting Files (marketing materials, event materials, etc.)

4. Best Showroom/Design Center

Showcases spaces that inspire. Judges will evaluate layout, presentation, creativity, and the way products and branding come together to create a cohesive experience.

Include:

- Project Story (300 words maximum)
- Up to 10 Photos

5. Best Salesperson/Sales Associate

Recognizes individuals who excel in sales, customer service, and HBA involvement.

Include:

- Nomination Statement (300 words maximum)
- Headshot Photo

New Construction

6. Best Kitchen

Spotlighting kitchens that blend function and style. Judges will look for thoughtful design, attention to detail, and overall appeal.

Include:

- Project Story (300 words maximum)
- Up to 8 Photos

7. Best Bath

Recognizes bathrooms that combine thoughtful design, functionality, and quality craftsmanship.

Include:

- Project Story (300 words maximum)
- Up to 8 Photos

8. Best Specialty Room *(Including Finished Basements)*

Recognizes unique spaces that stand out for creativity, functionality, and thoughtful use of space.

Include:

- Project Story (300 words maximum)
- Up to 8 Photos

9. Best Villa or Townhome Under \$450,000

Recognizes villas and townhomes that stand out for curb appeal, thoughtful use of space, and quality craftsmanship.

Include:

- Project Story (400 words maximum)
- Up to 10 Photos, including exterior

10. Best Villa or Townhome Over \$450,000

Recognizes villas and townhomes that stand out for curb appeal, thoughtful use of space, and quality craftsmanship.

Include:

- Project Story (400 words maximum)
- Up to 10 Photos, including exterior

New Construction

11. Best Single-Family Home Under \$475,000

Recognizes homes that stand out for thoughtful design, livability, and quality craftsmanship.

Include:

- Project Story (400 words maximum)
- Up to 12 Photos, including exterior

12. Best Single-Family Home \$475,000 - \$600,000

Recognizes homes that stand out for thoughtful design, livability, and quality craftsmanship.

Include:

- Project Story (400 words maximum)
- Up to 12 Photos, including exterior

13. Best Single-Family Home \$600,000 - \$800,000

Recognizes homes that stand out for thoughtful design, livability, and quality craftsmanship.

Include:

- Project Story (400 words maximum)
- Up to 12 Photos, including exterior

14. Best Single-Family Home \$800,000 - \$1,000,000

Recognizes homes that stand out for thoughtful design, livability, and quality craftsmanship.

Include:

- Project Story (400 words maximum)
- Up to 12 Photos, including exterior

15. Best Single-Family Home Over \$1,000,000

Recognizes homes that stand out for thoughtful design, livability, and quality craftsmanship.

Include:

- Project Story (400 words maximum)
- Up to 12 Photos, including exterior

Remodeling

16. Best Kitchen Remodel

Recognizes kitchen transformations that improve function, design, and overall appeal.

Include:

- Project Story (300 words maximum)
- Up to 4 BEFORE Photos
- Up to 8 AFTER Photos

17. Best Bath Remodel

Recognizes bathroom transformations that improve function, design, and overall appeal.

Include:

- Project Story (300 words maximum)
- Up to 4 BEFORE Photos
- Up to 8 AFTER Photos

18. Best Remodeled Project

Recognizes remodeling projects that creatively transform a space while improving function and meeting the homeowner's needs.

Include:

- Project Story (300 words maximum)
- Up to 4 BEFORE Photos
- Up to 8 AFTER Photos

Miscellaneous

19. Best Outdoor Living Space *New or Renovated*

Recognizes outdoor spaces that extend the home through thoughtful design, functionality, and quality craftsmanship.

Include:

- Project Story (300 words maximum)
- Up to 6 Photos

20. Best Interior Design

Recognizes interior design projects that stand out for creativity, functionality, and overall impact.

Include:

- Project Story (300 words maximum)
- Up to 8 Photos

21. Functional Space *(Closet, Pantry, Garage, etc.)*

Recognizes functional spaces that combine smart organization, thoughtful design, and style.

Include:

- Project Story (300 words maximum)
- Up to 8 Photos

Grand Awards

22. Remodeler of the Year

Recognizes a remodeler member company for excellence in their work, leadership, professionalism, and involvement with the HBA.

Include:

- Tell us why your company deserves this recognition. Highlight your accomplishments over the past year, quality of work and customer service, leadership within the industry, involvement with the HBA, community impact, and what sets your company apart.
- Supporting Photos and/or Documents

23. Associate of the Year

Recognizes an associate member company for excellence in their work, leadership, professionalism, and involvement with the HBA.

Include:

- Tell us why your company deserves this recognition. Highlight your accomplishments over the past year, quality of work and customer service, leadership within the industry, involvement with the HBA, community impact, and what sets your company apart.
- Supporting Photos and/or Documents

24. Builder of the Year

Recognizes a builder member company for excellence in home building, leadership, professionalism, and involvement with the HBA.

Include:

- Tell us why your company deserves this recognition. Highlight your accomplishments over the past year, quality of work and customer service, leadership within the industry, involvement with the HBA, community impact, and what sets your company apart.
- Supporting Photos and/or Documents