

GOLDEN TROWEL AWARD NOMINATIONS FORMAL REGULATIONS

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GOLDEN TROWEL AWARDS Our Purpose

The Texas Masonry Council hosts the Golden Trowel Award Competition annually in conjunction with the Statewide Texas Masonry Convention. Quality masonry projects in Texas are the result of strong creative vision by architects and quality execution by mason contractors. The purpose of the Golden Trowel Awards are to recognize the outstanding design of Architects and the skilled craftsmanship of the Mason Contractors, while celebrating the legacy of their partnership.

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Join the Legacy

Each year the TMC celebrates architects, mason contractors, general contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers with Golden Trowel Awards to honor their important role in completing a successful project.

Now more than ever it is critical for the masonry industry to maintain and create new partnerships within the design and construction industry. Not only does the Golden Trowel Award celebrate the architects and contractors that our members work with on a daily basis, but TMC also recognizes the critical role that state and local officials, and the communities play in developing quality, lasting masonry construction.

Houston Baptist University - Morris Family Center
Veazey Enterprises, 2023 People's Choice Award

Eligibility

Requirements

All Golden Trowel Nominations must meet the following requirements to be considered complete and eligible for judging.

- Any project completed two (2) years prior to the local competition is eligible to be entered.
- Brick, block, stone and/or any other masonry product must be the dominant building material.
- A TMC masonry contractor must have completed the work on the project.
- Projects may only be entered twice over a two-year period.
- A project can only be submitted into one category and in one regional chapter within the same year.
- Only projects within the State of Texas may be eligible.
- Projects must be designed by an architect or engineer with the exception of Single Family Residential, Hardscape & Landscape, Everyday Excellence or Restoration categories.
- Architects may not submit their projects directly.
 - Any masonry association member - contractor or supplier - may submit a project for the first level of competition, subject to observance of local association rules.

Regional Association / Affiliation

Entries must first be submitted into one of the following associations regional competition: Associated Masonry Contractors of Houston, United Masonry Contractors Association (Dallas/Fort Worth), Central Texas Masonry Contractors Association, San Antonio Masonry Contractors Association.

If a masonry contractor is located outside of the four major regions, and is not affiliated with any of the above-listed chapters, the applicant may submit a project directly to the Texas Masonry Council to compete. The non-regionally affiliated submissions will be judged alongside the regional finalists and according to the rules and procedures herewith.

Good Standing

Awarded projects from each category at the regional level will proceed to the TMC state level competition. Awarded projects at the regional level, moving forward to the state competition, must be members in good standing with TMC by July 1 of the competition year.

DEADLINES

Award Submittal Packages

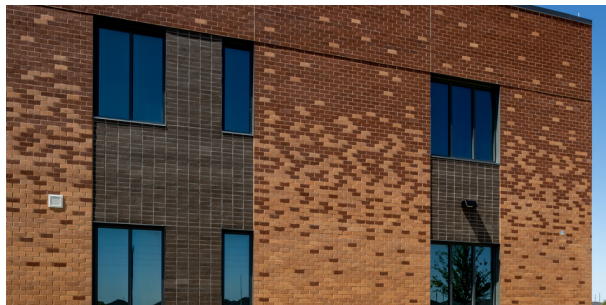
Refer to the TMC website at www.texasmasonrycouncil.org for region-specific deadlines.

Texas Masonry Convention

*September 4-6, 2024
The Westin Stonebriar
Frisco, Texas*

Presentation of Awards

September 6, 2024



Submission Requirements

Step 1: Complete Form

No hand-written entries will be accepted, all entries must be submitted via the online form provided by the TMC and will be directly submitted for regional judging. Incomplete entries will not be accepted and will be returned to the submitting chapter Golden Trowel coordinator.

Nomination Form Sections:

- Project Information
- Project Description(s):
 - Short General Description (up to 250 words) for award presentation.
 - Additional Detailed Description (up to 2,000 words) for judging.
- Applicant Information
- Mason Contractor Information
- Architect Information
- General Contractor Information
- Regional Association Affiliation
- Suppliers

Step 2: Upload Photos

Photo Requirements:

- Upload at least six (6), but no more than ten (10) images.
- Image files must be in .JPEG format and not exceed 25 MB each. Include the name of your project in the photo name.
- Do NOT include any company or region identifiers in Photo File names.
- Identify the primary image to be used in published materials.
- The following photos should be included:
 - Overall View of Structure.
 - Elevations of the exterior.
 - Special Masonry Details:
 - Close-ups of joints
 - Special architectural details
- If restoration category, include at least one image of the building/structure prior to restoration.
- If block category, is structural and not seen upon project completion please include photos during construction or project renderings.

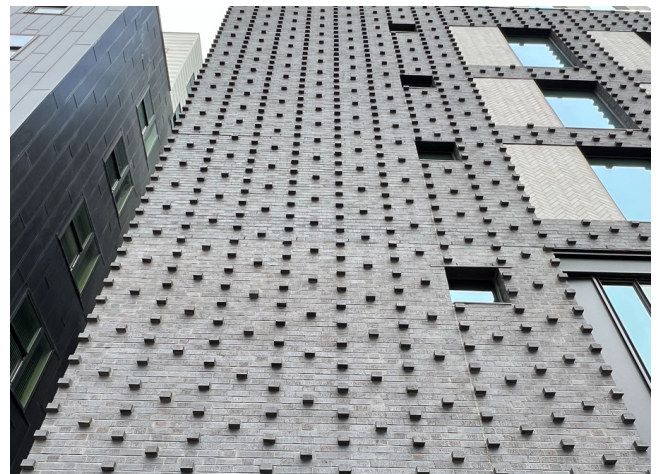
Judging Procedures & Criterion

The jury panel typically consists of at least four architects and four masonry contractors who have experience in the design and/or construction of both large and small scale developments.

Candidates are not eligible to judge if they have a project competing in the current competition. Mason contractors and architects are chosen from across Texas to represent each region and a variety of professional experience/expertise.

A project nomination's identity will be kept confidential during the judging process to prevent any biases that may occur. Each project will be evaluated on a scale of 1 to 10 in five key areas:

- Design (Architects)
- Appropriate use of masonry (Architects)
- Craftsmanship (Contractors)
- Masonry difficulty (Contractors)
- Aesthetic Appeal (Architects & Contractors)



Golden Trowel Award Categories

Below are the ten award categories for which a project can classify for nomination.



Single Family Residential:

Any residence or dwelling designed for occupation by single families, without restriction to square footage.

Multi Family Residential:

Any residences or dwelling units designed for occupation by multiple families, i.e. apartments, condominiums, etc.

Government & Institutional:

Commercial buildings that are under the authority of state, city, school or hospital organization. Examples of this would be churches, hospitals, city or state properties, etc.

Industrial & Commercial:

Structures that are built for the purpose of retail, office, hotel, or warehouse/industrial function.

College & University:

Construction of any building (whether a residence facility, classroom, stadium, etc.) on a college or university campus.

Primary & Secondary Education:

Construction of any education building whether public or private, for the purpose of educating youth.

Hardscape & Landscape:

Construction that involves privacy fencing, entrances to parks, shopping or housing areas, plazas, retaining walls, etc. However, this does not include any occupiable space. This would be any masonry project that for the most part, is decorative and designed to enhance the environment.

Restoration:

Restoration includes any work to rehabilitate and/or renovate previously constructed masonry buildings. Before and after pictures must be provided with Nomination Form.

Block:

Any project (in any category) that involves the use of block, whether it be architectural block units or otherwise. At least 65% of the project must be block. If block is structural and not seen upon project completion please include photos during construction or project renderings.

Everyday Excellence:

Any developments of \$500,000 or less in value (of the masonry contract). The nominations will be selected from among projects of a similar scale, size, and project type.