



2025 Best in Mississippi Housing & Remodeling Awards

Award Entry Guidelines

In the Spring, the Home Builders Association of Mississippi (HBAM) presents the Best in Mississippi Building & Remodeling Awards to recognize the outstanding work of builders and remodelers throughout the state.

Each entry for the Best in Mississippi Housing & Remodeling awards must be submitted by a dues paying member of the Home Builders Association of Mississippi who is in good standing. This may include the architect or designer of the project, builder, developer, owner of the property, or a member nominating the aforementioned individuals. **There is NO cost to submit an entry. There may be some NEW categories this year when submissions go live in August. Look out for the updates in the next few months.**

Entries will be accepted for the following categories:

- **Single Family New Construction-** this category includes both spec and custom homes
- **Single Family Remodel/Renovations-** remodel/renovations include entire home, partial, and additions
- **Single Family Kitchen-** this category includes new construction, remodels, renovation, and additions
- **Single Family Bath-** this category includes new construction, remodels, renovation, and additions
- **Multi-Family New Construction-** this category includes all project sizes.
- **Multi-Family Remodel/Renovation-** remodel/renovations include entire property, partial, and additions
- **Commercial Development-** includes community amenities (i.e., subdivision clubhouse, etc.) and entire subdivisions.
- **Specialty Build-** category includes any special projects that include, but are not limited to, home gyms, "man caves", theatre rooms, etc.
- **Outdoor Space-** includes the landscaping, configuration and design for outdoor spaces of single-family homes, multi-family homes and commercial developments. This includes, but is not limited to, pools, pool houses, outdoor kitchens, etc.
- **Historical Preservation-** entries for this category must ensure that the property holds an official historical status

Subcategories for size and cost of the submitted entries will be determined by entry volume following the submission deadline according to guidelines from the Home Builders Association of Mississippi.

Eligible projects entries must be completed between **June 1, 2024** and **August 31, 2025**, with the exception of custom and spec projects over 5,000 square feet. These projects must have been completed between **September 1, 2023** and **August 31, 2025**. For remodeling categories, deadlines refer to the completion of the remodel/renovation/addition.

Entry Guidelines

To submit a project, entries must meet the following guidelines. **Applications which fail to meet the specified requirements or provide appropriate materials will not be considered:**

1. Entries must be submitted on or before **November 21, 2025**. Extensions will be at the discretion of the Home Builders Association of Mississippi.
2. Each project must be submitted separately using the online form available at www.hbam.com/best-in-mississippi/. Each entry must include:
 - a. Completion of the required portions of the application
 - b. A description of the project that notes the entry's unique features, total heated square footage, and other distinctive points of craftsmanship. Please choose photos that relate to the description.
 - c. Applications must include an uploaded PDF of the projects floor plan.
 - d. Applicants may submit **approximately Thirty (30) photos per entry**. Photos should showcase details such as front/back/side elevation, kitchen, living room, dining, master bedroom, master bathroom, specialty rooms, unique features, location, etc. **Include before and after photos for any remodel/renovation category entries. (Put photos in order of your description and label the photos)**
3. To preserve anonymity, entry materials such as photos and floor plans are not permitted to include names, addresses or logo types of any sort. Community Development and Multifamily categories are provided an exception for photos of the community entrance.
4. Judging will be conducted by a panel of five (3-5) individuals that include a collection of builders, architects, construction field educators, realtors, or other industry personnel. Judges serve without compensation and are kept strictly confidential. Judges reserve the right to grant a "merit award" to any entry demonstration unique and innovative construction techniques.
5. Multiple entries are welcome.
6. Following submission, all materials become property of the Home Builders Association of Mississippi, which retains publishing rights. All information submitted on an entry application must be accurate. Any discrepancy among any of the information is the sole responsibility of the entry applicant.

In addition to awarding a winner for each category, one (1) project will be selected for the **Best in Mississippi Grand Award**. The selected project demonstrates the best overall style, craftsmanship, and creativity.

The annual **Best in Mississippi Housing & Remodeling Awards Banquet** will be held tentatively **March 25, 2026, at the Old Capitol Inn**. Each winner will receive (2) complimentary tickets to the banquet.

Additionally, winners will be recognized in the *Mississippi Magazine* as well as on appropriate social media platforms.

REQUIREMENTS FROM JUDGES

1. LABEL PHOTOS
2. NEED NICE PHOTOS OF THE FRONT AND BACK OF HOME
3. NO FISHEYE OR STRANGE LENS PHOTOS
4. SHORT DESCRIPTIONS
5. PHOTOS NEED TO BE IN THE ORDER OF THE DESCRIPTIONS for the judges to follow
6. FLOOR PLANS MUST BE LARGE AND LEGIBLE
7. FLOOR PLANS ONLY REQUIRE FRONT AND BACK ELEVATION AND INTERIOR ROOMS. NO ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, ETC.
8. INTERIOR PHOTOS MUST INCLUDE FOYER, MAIN LIVING ROOM, DINING ROOM, KITCHEN, MASTER BATH, MASTER BEDROOM, AND EXTRA ROOMS OR UNIQUE FEATURES
9. ALL REMODELS MUST HAVE BEFORE AND AFTER PHOTOS in order for judges to follow ***IF NOT ENTRY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED***

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the entry process for the 2025 Best in Mississippi Housing and Remodeling Awards, contact the Home Builders Association of Mississippi at (601) 969-3446.