



## 2021 CATEGORY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Entries from the United States and International projects in any and all international countries of the world are eligible.
- Eligible entries include any project or development that was open for sale, lease or rental at any time after January 1, 2020 are eligible. (*with certificate of occupancy*)
- On the Boards entries must have at least 1 governmental approval and have forward progress. They can be under construction - just not available for occupancy as of the entry deadline.
- Density is determined by middle of street - parks not included - no common areas.
- On-the-Boards entry materials may be photographs or images of sketches or models of major community features and various product types.
- Photo release form is required when photography is submitted - must be signed by the owner of the photography or holder of usage rights.
- **New Video Entry Presentation for On-the-Boards Submittals**  
Submit your video package of images/drawings/renderings, and plans  
With voice over explaining the concept to the judges  
Maximum of 2 minutes
- INTERNATIONAL Categories 59-60 ~ open to any community/project located outside North America
- Previous Merit Award winners are eligible for the 2020 program, if they meet eligibility criteria described.

### EXCLUSIONS

- Previous Grand Award winners are not eligible in the same category, unless there have been distinct design changes.
- Projects for which the architect or builder is a member of the 2020 panel of judges are not eligible for the 2020 Gold Nugget competition.

Please review the following information carefully.  
If you have any questions, contact the Gold Nugget Awards at 1.800.658.2751

## COMMERCIAL/RETAIL

### 1. Best Special Use Project

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Floor Plan
- Images: up to 12 images. Include at least three exteriors and at least one interior; additional images recommended.

### 2. Best Recreational Use Facility

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Floor Plan
- Images: up to 12 images. Include at least three exteriors and at least one interior; additional images recommended.

### 3. Best Commercial Project — under 20,000 sq ft

*Includes Commercial, Retail and Office applications*

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Floor Plan
- Images: up to 12 images. Include at least three exteriors and at least one interior; additional images recommended.



**4. Best Commercial Project — 20,000 sq. ft. & over**  
*Includes Commercial, Retail and Office applications*

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Floor Plan
- Images: up to 12 images. Include at least three exteriors and at least one interior; additional images recommended.

**5. Best Rehabilitation Project - Includes Office, Commercial and Industrial**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Floor Plan
- Images: For renovations and remodels, include at least one "before" view, with a maximum of 4 "befores" and 6 to 8 "afters". Include at least three exteriors and at least one interior; additional images recommended. Before and after photos absolutely necessary and must be identified as "before" and "after".

**6. Best Interior Renovations - May include tenant improvements**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Floor Plan
- Images: Images: up to 12 images that represent the space  
For renovations and remodels, include at least one "before" view, with a maximum of 4 "befores" and 6 to 8 "afters".

**7. Best Educational Project - excludes housing, may be on the boards**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Floor Plan
- Images: up to 12 images. Include at least three exteriors and at least one interior; additional images recommended.

**CUSTOM, ONE OF A KIND & RENOVATED HOMES**

**8. Best Custom Home under 4,000 sq. ft.** *(Designed for a specific client)*

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan
- Images: up to 12 images. Include at least three exteriors and at least one interior; additional images recommended.

**9. Best Custom Home 4,000 to 6,000 sq. ft.** *(Designed for a specific client)*

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan
- Images: up to 12 images. Include at least three exteriors and at least one interior; additional images recommended.



- 10. Best Custom Home 6,000 to 8,000 sq. ft.** *(Designed for a specific client)*
- Project/Team Information Form
  - Photo Release Form
  - Site Plan
  - Floor Plan
  - Images: up to 12 images. Include at least three exteriors and at least one interior; additional images recommended
- 11. Best Custom Home over 8,000 sq. ft.** *(Designed for a specific client)*
- Project/Team Information Form
  - Site Plan
  - Photo Release Form
  - Floor Plan
  - Images: up to 12 images. Include at least three exteriors and at least one interior; additional images recommended.
- 12. Best One-of-a-Kind Home** *(Design as a spec or lot specific)*
- Project/Team Information Form
  - Site Plan
  - Photo Release Form
  - Floor Plan
  - Images: up to 12 images. Include at least three exteriors and at least one interior; additional images recommended.
- 13. Best On the Boards Custom Home**
- Project/Team Information Form
  - Photo Release Form
  - Floor Plan
  - Images: up to 3 images that represent project
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- 14. Best Renovated or Restored Single House**
- Project/Team Information Form
  - Photo Release Form
  - Floor Plan
  - Images: For renovations and remodels, include at least one "before" view, with a maximum of 4 "befores" and 6 to 8 "afters". Include at least three exteriors and at least one interior; additional images recommended. Before and after photos absolutely necessary and must be identified as "before" and "after".
- 15. Best Renovated, Restored or Adaptive Re-Use Residential Project**  
*(adaptive re-use – change of occupancy or use)*
- Project/Team Information Form
  - Photo Release Form
  - Floor Plan
  - Images: For renovations and remodels, include at least one "before" view, with a maximum of 4 "befores" and 6 to 8 "afters". Include at least three exteriors and at least one interior; additional images recommended. Before and after photos absolutely necessary and must be identified as "before" and "after".



## TARGETED USE RESIDENTIAL – (For Sale or Rent)

### 16. Best Mixed Use Project

*Category may be split based on gross floor area*

*Total gross under 50,000 sq. ft. & Total gross 50,000 sq. ft. & over*

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan - Submit a set of up to 4 representative models/plans.
- Submit up to 12 images. Show at least 3 exteriors, Include at least 2 interiors. With additional images showing overall view of the community and/or special architectural or planning features

### 17. Best On-the Boards Mixed Use Project

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan - Submit a set of up to 4 representative models/plans.
- Images: up to 3 images that represent project
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### 18. Affordable Housing Community – under 30 du/acre

- Project/Team Information Form
- Affordability Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan - Submit a set of up to 4 representative models/plans.
- Submit up to 12 images. Show at least 3 exteriors, Include at least 2 interiors. With additional images showing overall view of the community and/or special architectural or planning features

### 19. Affordable Housing Community – 30 to 60 du/acre

- Project/Team Information Form
- Affordability Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan - Submit a set of up to 4 representative models/plans.
- Submit up to 12 images. Show at least 3 exteriors, Include at least 2 interiors. With additional images showing overall view of the community and/or special architectural or planning features

### 20. Affordable Housing Community - 60 du/acre or more

- Project/Team Information Form
- Affordability Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan - Submit a set of up to 4 representative models/plans.
- Submit up to 12 images. Show at least 3 exteriors, Include at least 2 interiors. With additional images showing overall view of the community and/or special architectural or planning features



## **21. On-the-Boards Affordable Housing Community**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Affordability Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan - Submit a set of up to 4 representative models/plans.
- Images: up to 12 images. Suggest exteriors and interiors. We recommend additional images showing overall view of the community and/or special architectural or planning features. Submitted materials may be photographs of or images of sketches or models of major features and various product types.
- Please provide adequate number of renderings, models for judges to view plan.
- Proof of design review or approval should be provided – or building permit

## **22. Best Supportive / Transitional Housing - *May be on-the-boards***

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan - Submit a set of up to 4 representative models/plans.
- Submit up to 12 images. Show at least 3 exteriors, Include at least 2 interiors. With additional images showing overall view of the community and/or special architectural or planning features

## **23. Multi-Family Housing Community — under 15 du/acre**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan - Submit a set of up to 4 representative models/plans.
- Submit up to 12 images. Show at least 3 exteriors, Include at least 2 interiors. With additional images showing overall view of the community and/or special architectural or planning features

## **24. Multi-Family Housing Community — 15-30 du/acre**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan - Submit a set of up to 4 representative models/plans.
- Submit up to 12 images. Show at least 3 exteriors, Include at least 2 interiors. With additional images showing overall view of the community and/or special architectural or planning features

## **25. Multi-Family Housing Community — 30-60 du/acre**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan - Submit a set of up to 4 representative models/plans.
- Submit up to 12 images. Show at least 3 exteriors, Include at least 2 interiors. With additional images showing overall view of the community and/or special architectural or planning features

## **26. Multi-Family Housing Community - 60 to 100 du/acre**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan - Submit a set of up to 4 representative models/plans.
- Submit up to 12 images. Show at least 3 exteriors, Include at least 2 interiors. With additional images showing overall view of the community and/or special architectural or planning features



### **27. Multi-Family Housing Community - over 100 du/acre**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan - Submit a set of up to 4 representative models/plans.
- Submit up to 12 images. Show at least 3 exteriors, Include at least 2 interiors. With additional images showing overall view of the community and/or special architectural or planning features

### **28. Best Student or Faculty Housing - On or Off Campus Residential**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan - Submit a set of up to 4 representative models/plans.
- Submit up to 12 images. Show at least 3 exteriors, Include at least 2 interiors. With additional images showing overall view of the community and/or special architectural or planning features

### **29. On the Boards Multi-Family Community**

*Category maybe broken by density*

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan - Submit a set of up to 4 representative models/plans.
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## **AGE QUALIFIED HOUSING**

### **30. Best Affordable 55+ Housing Community**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan - Submit a set of up to 4 representative models/plans.
- Submit up to 12 images. Show at least 3 exteriors, Include at least 2 interiors. With additional images showing overall view of the community and/or special architectural or planning features

### **31. Best Age Qualified Senior Living Community - For Sale/Rent**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan - Submit a set of up to 4 representative models/plans.
- Submit up to 12 images. Show at least 3 exteriors, Include at least 2 interiors. With additional images showing overall view of the community and/or special architectural or planning features

### **32. Best Service Enriched 55+ Community - IL/AL/Memory Care**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Building Plan
- Submit up to 12 images. Show at least 3 exteriors, Include at least 2 interiors. With additional images showing overall view of the community and/or special architectural or planning features



### 33. Best 55+ Housing Community - On the Boards

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan - Submit a set of up to 4 representative models/plans.
- Building Plan - if applicable
- Images: up to 3 images that represent project
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## SITE PLANNING / COMMUNITY DESIGN

### 34. Community Land Plan - *May be split based upon community/site scale*

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan.
- Submit digital illustrations and photos that address community, neighborhood character, environmental issues, circulation, land uses, topography, innovative solutions, etc. Entry monuments, street scenes, rec areas, green belts, open space and aerial/bird's eye views can all be helpful. Indicate product types and densities.
- Submit up to 8 images.

### 35. Best Infill Site Plan Solution

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan.
- Submit digital illustrations and photos that address community, neighborhood character, environmental issues, circulation, land uses, topography, innovative solutions, etc. Entry monuments, street scenes, rec areas, green belts, open space and aerial/bird's eye views can all be helpful. Indicate product types and densities.
- Submit up to 8 images.

### 36. On the Boards Site Plan

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Submit digital illustrations and photos that address community, neighborhood character, environmental issues, circulation, land uses, topography, innovative solutions, etc. Entry monuments, street scenes, rec areas, green belts, open space and aerial/bird's eye views can all be helpful. Indicate product types and densities.
- Images: up to 3 images that represent project
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### **37. Landscape Architecture for a Community**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Submit digital illustrations and photos that address community, neighborhood character, environmental issues, circulation, land uses, topography, innovative solutions, etc. Entry monuments, street scenes, rec areas, green belts, open space and aerial/bird's eye views can all be helpful. Indicate product types and densities.
- Submit up to 8 images.

### **38. Community Amenity**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Floor Plan
- Images: up to 12 images. Include at least three exteriors and at least one interior; additional images recommended.

### **39. Unique Residential Detached Housing - Over 8du/Acre**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plans
- Images: up to 12 images that represent the project.

### **40. Best Single Family For Rent Community Product Design - *May be on-the-boards***

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plans to represent the product line

### **41. Best Single Family For Rent Community Plan - *May be on-the-boards***

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan.
- Images: up to 3 images that represent project
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## **SINGLE FAMILY PRODUCTION HOUSING**

### **42. Best Single Family Detached Home — under 1,800 sq. ft.**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan - Your site plan for these categories can be for a single home ("footprint"), or part or the entire project site, or both. At least one drawing should show a typical home on a typical lot, with lot dimensions shown
- Floor Plan
- Images: up to 12 images. Include a front elevation with at least 4 interiors.





**43. Best Single Family Detached Home — 1,800 to 2,499 sq. ft.**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan - Your site plan for these categories can be for a single home ("footprint"), or part or the entire project site, or both. At least one drawing should show a typical home on a typical lot, with lot dimensions shown
- Floor Plan
- Images: up to 12 images. Include a front elevation with at least 4 interiors.

**44. Best Single Family Detached Home — 2,500 to 2,999 sq. ft.**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan - Your site plan for these categories can be for a single home ("footprint"), or part or the entire project site, or both. At least one drawing should show a typical home on a typical lot, with lot dimensions shown
- Floor Plan
- Images: up to 12 images. Include a front elevation with at least 4 interiors.

**45. Best Single Family Detached Home — 3,000 to 3,499 sq. ft.**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan - Your site plan for these categories can be for a single home ("footprint"), or part or the entire project site, or both. At least one drawing should show a typical home on a typical lot, with lot dimensions shown
- Floor Plan
- Images: up to 12 images. Include a front elevation with at least 4 interiors.

**46. Best Single Family Detached Home — 3,500 to 4,500 sq. ft.**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan - Your site plan for these categories can be for a single home ("footprint"), or part or the entire project site, or both. At least one drawing should show a typical home on a typical lot, with lot dimensions shown
- Floor Plan
- Images: up to 12 images. Include a front elevation with at least 4 interiors.

**47. Best Single Family Detached Home — Over 4,500 sq. ft.**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan - Your site plan for these categories can be for a single home ("footprint"), or part or the entire project site, or both. At least one drawing should show a typical home on a typical lot, with lot dimensions shown
- Floor Plan
- Images: up to 12 images. Include a front elevation with at least 4 interiors.
- Images: up to 12 images that represent the project.



## SPECIALTY CATEGORIES

### 48. Innovative Housing - *examples: tiny houses, modular, creative concepts - May be on the boards*

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plans
- Images: up to 12 images that represent the project.

### 49. Best Flexible Floor Plan

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plans
- Images: up to 12 images that represent the project.

### 50. Best Home Work Space

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan
- Images: up to 12 images that represent the project.

### 51. Best Health/Wellness Design Solution - -- *Designed for the Health of the Occupant*

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plans
- Images: up to 12 images that represent the project.

### 52. Best Indoor/Outdoor Lifestyle for a Home (*relationship of the spaces as they relate to the overall design*) - *May be split based upon size*

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Floor Plan
- Images: up to 12 images that represent the project.

### 53. Best Community Pivot

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Floor Plan
- Images: up to 12 images that represent the project.

## INTERIOR DESIGN

### 54. Best Interior Merchandising of a Model Home priced under \$500,000

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Floor Plan
- Images: up to 8 images that represent the project.



**55. Best Interior Merchandising of a Model Home priced \$500,000 to \$1Million**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Floor Plan
- Images: up to 8 images that represent the project.

**56. Best Interior Merchandising of a Model Home priced \$1Million & Over**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Floor Plan
- Images: up to 8 images that represent the project.

**57. Best Interior Design of a Custom or One of a Kind Home**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Floor Plan
- Images: up to 8 images that represent the project.

**ENERGY HONORS**

**58. Best Design for Energy Efficiency**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Energy Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan(s)
- Images: 6 to 8 images that represent the submittal.

**INTERNATIONAL AWARDS – *Defined as any project/community located outside North America***

**59. Best International Residential Project**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Floor Plan - Submit a set of up to 4 representative models/plans
- Images: up to 12 images. Suggest least 4 exteriors, including front and rear elevation, or rear/slide. Include at least 2 interiors. We recommend up to 4 additional images showing overall view of the community and/or special architectural or planning features.

**60. Best International Commercial & Special Use Project**

- Project/Team Information Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan
- Images: up to 12 images that emphasize community



## COMMUNITIES OF THE YEAR

### 61. Multi-Family Community of the Year - Up to 4 Stories

*To be eligible for this category the community must be submitted in a least one of the Multifamily Categories 15, 17-26*

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Submit up to 12 images. Show at least 3 exteriors, Include at least 2 interiors. With additional images showing overall view of the community and/or special architectural or planning features

### 62. Multi-Family Community of the Year - 4 Stories or Above

*To be eligible for this category the community must be submitted in a least one of the Multifamily Categories 15, 17-26*

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Submit up to 12 images. Show at least 3 exteriors, Include at least 2 interiors. With additional images showing overall view of the community and/or special architectural or planning features

### 63. Residential Detached Collection of the Year

*Defined as a single builder – series of home plans - To be eligible for this category at least one plan must be submitted in the Single Family Plan Categories 42-47*

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan - Submit up to 4 representative models/plans.
- Images: up to 12 images that emphasize community

### 64. Masterplan Community of the Year

*Defined as single or multiple builders within a larger community with multiple series of home plans plus community amenities.*

*To be eligible for this category at least product type must be submitted in Categories 15, 17-26 OR Categories 36-41*

- Project/Team Information Form
- Photo Release Form
- Site Plan
- Floor Plan - Submit a set of the most representative models/plans.
- Images: 6 to 8 images that emphasize community