



2023 ASHE TENNESSEE PROJECT OF THE YEAR ELIGIBILITY AND SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

ELIGIBILITY

Any project that is substantially completed by October 16, 2023, and no more than two calendar years immediately prior shall be considered eligible for the Project of the Year competition provided that the project involves at least one of the following transportation features:

- Highways/Roadways
- Bridges
- Railroads
- Bikeways and Multi-use Paths
- Traffic Control/Signalization (Included ITS)
- Public Transit

AWARD CATEGORIES

The Tennessee ASHE awards will follow the construction cost categories outlined in the National Project of the Year Award Competition (NPAC). The project entries will be placed into the following cost categories:

- Projects up to \$20M in construction cost
- Project over \$20M in construction cost

AWARD ENTRY SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Project submissions will only be accepted from within the state of Tennessee.
- The project must be located in the state of Tennessee.
- Firms, contractors, or owners who wish to submit for the award may only submit a maximum of one project per award category.
- The project must be substantially completed and open to the public by October 16, 2023, and no more than two calendar years prior.
- Previous winning projects in the National Project of the Year Award Competition are not eligible.
- Entry submissions shall contain:
 - ✓ Completed Project Entry Form
 - ✓ Narrative describing the project not exceeding 1500 words (single sided 12-point font, 8 ½"x11" pages); the narrative must address the 6 categories in the scoring and judging criteria below. Project construction cost must be provided.
 - ✓ Up to five (5) construction drawings on 11"x17" sheets that are relative to the scoring and judging criteria.
 - ✓ Up to five (5) photos (maximum size 8 ½"x11") that are relative to the scoring and judging criteria.
 - ✓ Verification of substantial completion by the date noted.
- The winners will be required to submit a brief PowerPoint slide presentation.
- The winners will be required to prepare a 500-word maximum summary of their project to be posted online.
- The project entry form, narrative, drawings, and photos shall be compiled into a single PDF file in the order noted. The photos used in the PDF shall also be provided separately in high resolution jpg format (300x300 minimum DPI).

AWARD SCORING CRITERIA

Submittals will be judged by a panel comprised of specially selected individuals. Each submittal will be judged based on the following criteria:

- 25% Complexity
- 25% New application of Existing Techniques / Originality / Innovation
- 15% Social / Economic Consideration
- 15% Safety
- 10% Aesthetics and Sustainable Features
- 10% Meeting and Exceeding Owner's / Client's Needs

The winners will be determined based on the highest average score from all judges in each award category and will be notified by December 31, 2023.

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

Please submit completed application packages to the ASHE Middle Tennessee Awards & Scholarship Chair, Harrison Bruce and Middle Tennessee ASHE 2nd Vice President, Matthew Zlokovich.

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