

2026



Program Overview

Presented by the Builders Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh (BAMP), the Housing Excellence Awards celebrate outstanding craftsmanship, design, and achievement among building and remodeling professionals throughout the Pittsburgh region. Award winners will be recognized during the BAMP Holiday Dinner Dance on Friday, December 4, 2026, at the Rivers Casino.

ELIGIBILITY: Entries must be submitted by BAMP Builder/Remodeler members that are in good standing and current with dues. Eligible projects must be current model, spec or contract homes, or remodeling projects, completed in 2026 and not submitted in prior years. **Projects may be entered in multiple categories.**

DESIGN PARTNER RECOGNITION (*Optional*): Applicants have the option to acknowledge a fellow BAMP-member architect, interior designer or landscape designer who collaborated on the project by completing the **Design Partner Recognition** section on page 2 of the [entry form](#). Collaborators in winning projects may purchase a duplicate award at an additional cost.

NEW HOME CATEGORIES*

Best Single-Family Home of the Year

- ☐ \$500,000 and under
- ☐ \$500,001-\$600,000
- ☐ \$600,001-\$700,000
- ☐ \$700,001-\$800,000
- ☐ \$800,001-\$900,000
- ☐ \$900,001-\$1,000,000
- ☐ \$1,000,001-\$1,500,000
- ☐ \$1,500,001-\$2,000,000
- ☐ \$2,000,001 and over

Best Single-Family Attached Home of the Year

- ☐ Under \$400,000
- ☐ \$400,001-\$500,000
- ☐ \$500,001-\$600,000
- ☐ Over \$600,001

Best Green / Sustainable Home

- ☐ Under \$600,000
- ☐ Over \$600,001

Best Energy-Efficient Home

- ☐ Under \$600,000
- ☐ Over \$600,001

Best 55+ Housing Single Family Attached

- ☐ Under \$450,000
- ☐ \$450,001-\$550,000
- ☐ Over \$550,001

Best 55+ Housing Single Family Detached

- ☐ Under \$450,000
- ☐ \$450,001-\$550,000
- ☐ Over \$550,001

☐ **Best Outdoor Living Project – New Home**
(No \$\$ categories)

RENOVATION CATEGORIES*

Best Kitchen Remodel

- ☐ Under \$75,000
- ☐ \$75,001-\$100,000
- ☐ \$100,001-\$200,000
- ☐ Over \$200,001

Best Bath Remodel

- ☐ Under \$50,000
- ☐ \$50,000-\$100,000
- ☐ Over \$100,001

Best Remodel

- ☐ Under \$200,000
- ☐ \$200,001-\$350,000
- ☐ \$350,001-\$500,000
- ☐ Over \$500,001

Best Addition

- ☐ Under \$150,000
- ☐ \$150,001-\$300,000
- ☐ \$300,001-\$500,000
- ☐ \$500,001-\$750,000
- ☐ Over \$750,001

Best Urban Remodel / Addition

- ☐ Under \$250,000
- ☐ \$250,001 - \$450,000
- ☐ Over \$450,001

Best Outdoor Living Project – Existing Home

- ☐ Under \$100,000
- ☐ \$100-\$250,000
- ☐ Over \$250,001

* See the following page for category requirements before making your selections

NEW HOME CATEGORY REQUIREMENTS:

- **Pricing:** Homes must be entered in the price category reflecting the actual home as built, including all options and excluding lot cost.
- **Green / Sustainable Home:** Must be certified under ICC-700 National Green Building Standard™ (NGBS), LEED or a comparable nationally recognized green building standard exceeding minimum code requirements. Bonus points may be awarded for certification level and sustainable products/features.
- **Energy-Efficient Home:** Must be certified under ENERGY STAR (HERS rating) or a comparable nationally recognized energy-efficiency standard exceeding minimum energy-code requirements. Bonus points may be awarded for efficiency rating and innovative features.
- **55+ Housing – Single Family:** Need not be located in a designated 55+ community but must incorporate features supporting a 55+ lifestyle, including universal and aging-in-place design.
- **Outdoor Living:** Must include a structural component enhancing the home's outdoor living experience (e.g., outdoor kitchen, gazebo, covered patio, pool house or coordinated gardens).

RENOVATION CATEGORY REQUIREMENTS:

- **Remodel:** Must involve renovations within the existing home footprint, with no foundation additions and no more than 30 sq. ft. of added floor area (e.g., bay window).
- **Addition:** May include one or more rooms and must increase the home's area horizontally (new foundation) or vertically (e.g., second-floor addition). If adjacent areas are remodeled as part of the addition, those costs must be included in the project total. Conditioned and unconditioned additions are eligible.
- **Urban Remodel / Addition:** Must be within a ¼-mile walk of community amenities such as shopping, public transportation, entertainment or recreation, with sidewalk/trail connectivity.
- **Outdoor Living:** Must include a structural component enhancing the home's outdoor living experience (e.g., outdoor kitchen, gazebo, covered patio, pool house or coordinated gardens).

ENTRY FEES: A \$200 fee per entry is due by **November 3, 2026**. Visit BAMP's [**Housing Excellence Awards Payment Portal**](#) to select the category or categories you are entering, generate your invoice, and pay by credit card or request an invoice, which will be emailed to you immediately. All entries can be paid with a single transaction.

Entry fees are nonrefundable. **Entries will not be accepted without payment.**

JUDGING: Each entry will be judged on its own merits by a panel of qualified professionals with expertise in home building, design and related industries.

JUDGES' DISCRETION: BAMP and the judges reserve the right to combine, modify, expand or eliminate categories based on submissions; withhold an award if no entry merits recognition; and establish new categories or special recognition for exceptional or unique submissions.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Every entry must address items 1-3 below. Items 4 and 5 are category-specific.

1. **Entry Form:** Submit one completed form for each entry using our [editable PDF](#).

IMPORTANT: Remaining materials must be anonymous. Remove/Cover all names, logos, signage, title blocks or other markings before upload.

2. **Entry Statement:** Address each of the following (**max 20 words per response**).

- Three reasons the project deserves the award
- Five standout design features
- Target market (model/spec homes) or client/owner needs and preferences that influenced the design (custom homes, remodels/additions)
- Two ways the project is distinctive or unique
- Greatest challenge encountered during the project

3. **Photos & Drawings:** Follow category-specific guidelines (**max 15 photos per entry**).

- **Best Home:** Required photos include front and rear elevations, living/great room, kitchen/dining area, owner's bedroom, bathroom, and a view of choice that demonstrates why the project deserves the award. Required drawings include floor plan(s) and elevations of all sides.
- **Green/Sustainable & Energy-Efficient:** *Best Home* requirements plus a site plan with a north arrow.
- **Remodel/Addition:** Include before-and-after photos, original design/demolition plan, and final design drawings (with interior elevations/details, if available).
- **Outdoor Living:** For New Home or Renovation entries, include overall scope/design photos, along with a landscape/site plan and building plans, as applicable.

4. **Green/Sustainable & Energy-Efficient Entries:** Include certification verifying compliance with the applicable nationally recognized standard and the rating achieved, along with a list of relevant energy-efficient and/or green features, materials and building-science benefits.

5. **Urban Remodel/Addition Entries:** Include a description of the surrounding community and amenities within a ¼-mile walk, including shopping, public transportation, entertainment and recreation, as applicable.

SUBMISSION & DEADLINE

- **Deadline:** All entries, completed forms, and fees must be received by **November 3, 2026**, for entries to be eligible for judging.
- **Submission Process:** Submit a separate, complete entry package for each award you are seeking. Compile your entry form and all relevant support materials outlined above into a single compressed ZIP folder and upload it to our [Dropbox File Request Link](#).
- **File Naming:** Please label your ZIP file as Company Name_Award Category (e.g. *ABC Remodelers_Best Kitchen*) for easier tracking.
- **Payment Steps** (\$200 fee per entry):
 1. Go to the [Housing Excellence Awards Payment Portal](#) to select your category(ies) and generate your invoice.
 2. Opt to pay online with a credit card or have an invoice emailed to you for payment by check.
 3. If paying by check, mail it early to ensure arrival and eligibility by the November 3 deadline.

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