



2026 Design & Installation Awards Instructions

The goal of these awards is to promote usage of concrete and masonry construction by recognizing examples of outstanding projects that have been completed in our communities.

Judging Criteria:

Each entry will be reviewed individually and scored in each of the following categories:

- Aesthetic Concept
- Innovative Use of Materials/ Sustainable Design
- Structural Design
- Quality of the Installation

Where aesthetic concept is not relative to the installation, total points for this category will be factored out.

The current ACI standards will be the basis for judging structural design and quality of the installation, unless special consideration to another industry standard is requested in the entry submittal.

Judging Panel:

Each entry will be judged by a three-person panel appointed by the ACI Awards Committee. There will be two separate judging panels; one for concrete and one for masonry.

Each panel will consist of local professionals from the fields of architecture, engineering, and concrete or masonry construction. Individuals whose firms have participated in the design or construction of a project being considered may not serve on the judging panel.

The judging panel will review all submitted nominations and select the top three for field inspection and final scoring at the site. Announcement and presentation of awards will occur at the ACI Awards Banquet.

Awards:

A maximum of eight plaques will be provided by ACI CNY for the top three projects in each category. One plaque will be awarded to the owner. Additional recipients may include the architect, engineer, general contractor, masonry or concrete sub-contractor, masonry or concrete supplier/manufacturer, reinforcement installer, reinforcement fabricator, testing company, special inspector, or other entity that provided a significant contribution to the project, as listed on the award submittal form.

Plaque allocation will be left to the discretion of the individual who nominates the project. If the individual nominating the project determines that **more** than eight plaques are needed to recognize the appropriate entities, they can indicate this on the entry form and submit an additional \$50 for each plaque beyond the eight provided by ACI CNY. If the project is not selected for a medal award, the additional plaque fee will be refunded. **It is up to the individual who is nominating the project to verify the accuracy of the information contained in the entry form.**

Eligibility:

Projects must be located within the Central New York Chapter's territorial boundaries, which include the following counties: **Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Tioga, and Tompkins.**



Projects from neighboring counties may be entered and will be reviewed by the ACI CNY Board on a case-by-case basis as long as the following requirements are met:

- A. The submitter must contact a member of the board from the neighboring ACI chapter to request permission to submit the project. Formal concurrence in writing from the neighboring ACI chapter must be submitted with the awards application.
- B. The project must meet all other submission criteria indicated in the instructions.

Projects must have been completed and turned over to the owner between **January 1, 2025** and **December 31, 2025**. Restoration projects qualify.

How to Enter:

Entries must be submitted using the entry forms (available at www.acicny.org) or they cannot be considered by the judging panel. We prefer that the data be entered in the entry forms electronically. **The form is due by February 28, 2026.**

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