Contest Rules and Information: Manufactured and Modular New Home Design Awards

The 2017 Best New Home Design Awards Competition promises to be even bigger and better than last year's design contest as new awards have been added. As an exciting part of the National Industry Awards, the competition brings recognition to the industry leaders in new home design. Each award winner receives a personalized trophy and recognition in industry publications.

Just as importantly, your award-winning designs set new standards of excellence, bring enhanced promotional opportunities to your company, and serve as an inspiration and model for others.

Award winners are honored at the National Industry Awards Luncheon that will be held on May 3, 2017 during the National Congress and Expo for Manufactured and Modular Housing in Las Vegas, Nevada. The awards luncheon is an annual highlight of the National Congress & Expo.

The Judging Process

Entries are screened by MHI and NMHC staff to verify eligibility. All entries will be adjudicated by a panel of independent judges from the fields of design, architecture and land development. The entries are evaluated using objective judging criteria and the highest scoring entries in each category will receive awards. The decision of the judges is final and scores for individual entries will not be disclosed.

The Categories

There are seven separate categories for the competition this year: four for HUD-Code manufactured homes, three for modular homes, including one for a multifamily project. All homes must have been put into production or received DAPIA approval in the past two years.

What to Submit

Entry notification, fees and materials must be entered in the online awards system no later than March 24, 2017 for each separate home to be entered into the competition. The following materials must be uploaded into the online awards system:

1. A set of drawings of the home which includes floorplan(s) and elevations;
2. A written description of the home based on each specific category’s requirements, detailing the intended market, highlighting unique architectural or design features, and describing any innovative building technologies, materials, or construction methods.
3. Digital images in jpeg format of at least 300 dpi and measuring 4” X 5”. For file size examples, a low KB size file such as 25 KB or 75 KB does not provide a clear photo. However file sizes such as 800 KB, 1 MB or 2 MB provide clear, high resolution photos. Digital images do not have to be professionally produced, but should be of sufficient quality and quantity to adequately assist the panel of judges in visualizing your entry.
4. Any other information you would like to submit that would assist the judges in visualizing the home. This is a highly visual competition; the more illustration the better your chances of successfully communicating the essence of the home.

Entries must include items 1 through 3 above. Any entry not including any one of items 1 through 3 will be considered incomplete and ineligible for the competition.
Entry Deadlines, Fees and Rules

Entry notification, fees ($75 for each entry) and entry materials must be entered into the online system by **March 24, 2017**. No refunds will be granted for entries withdrawn from the competition, late or incomplete entries, or entries determined not to meet the eligibility criteria.

There will be no extensions to the deadline and no exceptions will be made.

Eligibility

Eligibility for the 2017 Manufactured and Modular New Home Design Awards Competition is limited to current manufacturer members of the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI).

Important Notice:

All materials submitted to the 2017 Manufactured and Modular New Home Design Awards Competition become the property of the Manufactured Housing Institute and the National Modular Housing Council. Photographs may be used in MHI’s publications, MHI’s Photo Library and online Photo Gallery. Entrants are responsible for obtaining permission to use photography produced by others.

Should you have any questions, contact Cheryl Berard at (703) 558-0668 or cheryl@mfghome.org.
**Manufactured Home Categories**

All homes must have been put into production or received DAPIA approval in the past two years.

New Manufactured Home Design – Small Home 320 - 600 S.F.

A home entered into this category must meet the following criteria:
1. The home must have received DAPIA approval or have been put into production between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2016.
2. The home must be a small home manufactured home – 320 – 600 S.F. (The square footage must be calculated based on building footprint).
3. It must be built to the HUD Code.
4. The home cannot have won a previous New Home Design Award.

New Manufactured Home Design - 1800 S.F. or Less

A home entered into this category must meet the following criteria:
1. The home must have received DAPIA approval or have been put into production between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2016.
2. The home must be a multi-section 1800 S.F. or less (The square footage must be calculated based on building footprint).
3. It must be built to the HUD Code.
4. The home cannot have won a previous New Home Design Award.

New Manufactured Home Design - Over 1800 S.F.

A home entered into this category must meet the following criteria:
1. The home must have received DAPIA approval or have been put into production between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2016.
2. The home must be a multi-section over 1800 S.F. (The square footage must be calculated based on building footprint).
3. It must be built to the HUD Code.
4. The home cannot have won a previous New Home Design Award.

New Single-Section Manufactured Home Design

A home entered into this category must meet the following criteria:
1. The home must have received DAPIA approval or have been put into production between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2016.
2. The home must be a single-section home.
3. It must be built to the HUD Code.
4. The home cannot have won a previous New Home Design Award.
Modular Home Categories

All homes must have been put into production in the past two years.

New Modular Home Design - 1800 S.F. or Less
A home entered into this category must meet the following criteria:
1. The home must have received engineering approval or been put into production between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2016.
2. The home must be 1800 S.F. or less (The square footage must be calculated based on building footprint).
3. It must be built to a state or local building code.
4. The home cannot have won a previous New Home Design Award.

New Modular Home Design – Over 1800 S.F.
A home entered into this category must meet the following criteria:
1. The home must have received engineering approval or been put into production between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2016.
2. The home must be over 1800 S.F. (The square footage must be calculated based on building footprint).
3. It must be built to a state or local building code.
4. The home cannot have won a previous New Home Design Award.

New Modular Multifamily or Duplex Design
A home entered into this category must meet the following criteria:
1. The home must have received engineering approval or been put into production between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2016.
2. It must be built to a state or local building code.
3. The home cannot have won a previous New Home Design Award.