



NOMINATION CATEGORIES

Talking Walls

- Residential
- Large Commercial
- Small Commercial

A Green Apple a Day

The Thomas Edison

Fearless Leader

- Redwood
- Sapling

KEY DATES

Nomination(s) Due:

~~Friday June 17, 2016, 5 pm EDT~~

Due Friday June 24th, 5 PM EDT

Finalists Announced:

Friday July 15, 2016

Winners Announced at Green Gala:

Thursday September 15, 2016

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

- Nominators are responsible for verifying that their electronic communications (no hard copies) were received in a timely fashion.
- Once the application has been received, a confirmation email will be sent to the nominator. Applications are encouraged to be submitted well in advance of the deadline.
- Finalists will be required to have a representative on site to receive the award if selected.
- Projects/individuals may be located anywhere in North Carolina and are not required to be a USGBC member.
- You may nominate more than one individual or organization.
- Projects do not have to be LEED registered or certified.
- Eligible projects may be already constructed, under construction, or in the design phase.
- Winning entries are public information and summaries of winning applications will be published
- Awards will be given at the sole discretion of the judges. Nominations in a category do not automatically mean that an award will be given in that category. Nominator will be notified if their submission is moved to another category.
- Any project, team or individual can be nominated for more than one category. Separate applications must be completed for each nomination.
- The judges are an independent panel of sustainable industry leaders chosen by the Chapter. Judging criteria is based upon meeting the intent of the submitted category, exhibiting a transformation in the built environment, and exemplifying innovation and creativity.
- All nominations must be submitted electronically as a single PDF. Electronic submissions must include:
 - The attached nomination applicant form completed.
 - A narrative that does not exceed two pages, 500 words per page, which summarizes the reason for nomination and the criteria used to support it.
 - A separate 100 word highlight/summary of the nomination to be read at the awards ceremony if selected.
 - Additional documentation is optional, and may include photos, graphics, letters of support, LEED Checklists, etc. Supplemental material may be submitted, but may or may not be reviewed at the discretion of the judges.
 - Submittals sent in an incorrect format will be disqualified.

TALKING WALLS

Residential
Large Commercial
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This award recognizes for-profit or non-profit 501(c) (3) projects that demonstrate the systematic integration of sustainability and/or LEED certification standards. (Entry is not required to be registered or certified by LEED.) Eligible work includes residential, commercial, neighborhood development buildings in design or constructed. Project types may be architecture, interior architecture, historic preservation, adaptive reuse, renovation, and restoration projects as well as planning and urban design efforts. Building designs or constructed projects will be evaluated by their exemplary design as manifested by contributions to an aesthetic compatible with sustainability, contributions to environmental balance, energy-efficiency, health and well-being of the occupants, appropriate land use, minimal ecological impact, level of use of nonrenewable resources in the construction of and during the life of the project, level of use of recycled or renewable materials, and/or excellence in integrating sustainable concepts with traditional design requirements.

- Residential – Any residence, including single family homes, multifamily homes or apartments, condos, town homes, neighborhood developments, or student housing.
- Large Commercial - Any commercial space over 100,000 square feet, including mixed-use (mixed-use buildings with less than 10% commercial area must be considered residential).
- Small Commercial - Any commercial space under 100,000 square feet, including mixed-use (mixed-use buildings with less than 10% commercial area must be considered residential).

A GREEN APPLE A DAY

K-12 & Higher Education

This award recognizes those organizations (K-12 and higher education) that exemplify leadership by integrating sustainability into their school's curriculum, culture, operations, and student lifestyles, as well as the surrounding community. Include the nominee's goals, objectives and implementation time lines, as well as progress to date; detail methods for sustainability achievements; and trade-offs and interactions to achieve the goals, as well as lessons learned.

THE THOMAS EDISON

This award seeks to recognize an innovative solution to a green building problem that addresses water, lighting, energy, waste, operations and maintenance plan, landscaping and/or grounds, etc. This award is an open-ended category where innovation, designs/features take precedence over building that has resulted in advanced performance of new or renovated buildings, systems, or operations. Discuss how the innovation transforms the built environment of the sector it embraces, including whether the strategies used in this nomination are transferable to other buildings or operations. Detail the sustainability measurements used. Include detail methods for sustainability achievements. Discuss trade-offs and interactions to achieve the goals, as well as lessons learned. Show how the nominee has transformed the built environment through building operations by highlighting the benefits to building occupants and/or owners, as well as the impact on the surrounding community. Demonstrating insightful, innovative or meaningful design, processes, construction or stewardship to achieve sustainability will be a key factor for consideration

FEARLESS LEADER

Redwood
Sapling

The leadership award will recognize individuals who exemplify outstanding leadership abilities by means of industry related research, innovation, education, and/or volunteer work. Nominations must include a description of achievements, impacts, measures of success and why this award is deserved.

- Redwood (Individual) - Specifically relates to what the nominee has done as an individual in the field of sustainability.
- Sapling (Young Professionals) - A high school student, full-time student at a higher education institution, or a young professional under the age of 30 by 9/15/16.