



# **42nd Annual Arizona Excellence in Landscaping Awards Application**

**Deadline for applications is May 14**

**Recipients of awards will be recognized on  
November 17, 2018**

**At The Wigwam Resort in Litchfield Park**

**Photo: 2017 Presidential Award Winner  
Southwestern Native Landscape**



## CHECK OFF LIST

- Fill out company, project name and contact information.** (Page 3 of this application)
  - ◆ Must be an ALCA member to participate. If a designer/architect submits an entry, he/she must have a joint entry with the installation contractor who must also be an ALCA member.
- Check one entry category. One application per project.** (Page 4 of application)
  - ◆ Any previously ALCA award winning installation project may not be submitted unless it is submitted for a redesign, heritage or maintenance category.
  - ◆ Projects entered in the maintenance category must have been under contract for at least one year prior to date of entry. Any previously submitted maintenance project receiving an award other than “Excellence” may be resubmitted for an award.
  - ◆ Entrants may not submit their own home, relative’s home or their business property.
- Check off the work you performed for this entry.** (Page 5, 6, 7 or 8 of application)
- Submit 20 digital photos of your project.**
  - ◆ **Special Water Feature Installation (Categories 14-15):** 5-10 photos must be construction photos showing liner, base, pump assembly, plumbing & skimmer. Ten (10) finished pictures should include night shots if lighting was installed.
  - ◆ **Renovations Projects (Categories 26-30):** Must submit five (5) additional photos labeled “before”.
  - ◆ **Low Voltage Lighting Installation (Categories 40-41):** Require 20 photos: (5-10) must be daytime shots showing fixture installation. One photo should be of a wire connection (wire nut or distribution hub). Two photos of transformers—place a torpedo level on top for transformer to show levelness. Open door and show wire compartment. No less than 10 night photos. No other means of illumination may be used during night shots. No temporary flood lights or camera flash.
  - ◆ **Tree Care (Category 42):** 20 photos showcasing pruning, canopy, overall tree appearance and risk management.
- Submit photos on a CD or Flash Drive.**
  - ◆ Do NOT crop or manipulate photos. This lowers the resolution for reprint in magazines.
  - ◆ Do NOT submit photos on a DVD or in a power point or in any other type of presentation program.
  - ◆ Submit both portrait and landscape photos. Only portrait photos can be used for the magazine cover or other publications.
- Include a page printout of the thumbnails from the photos on the CD.**
  - ◆ Select five (5) photos on the thumbnail printout for the award’s presentation should your project win. Number these 1 through 5.
  - ◆ Label one photo as a “plaque photo” that you wish to be placed on the award plaque.
- Include a 150 word description of the project.** (Submit in a word document)
  - ◆ For low voltage lighting category include the following: number of fixtures, number of feet of wire and sized used, number of runs, number of transformers and size, special lamps, lens, filters, mounting techniques. Indicate how system is controlled, used Halogen or LED or both, installation challenges.
- Attach a signed release for owner/representative of project and photographer.** (Page 9 of application)
- On a separate 8 1/2” x 11” sheet, attach a plan with property lines, shade in landscaped areas.**
- Submit application by **May 14, 2018** along with \$150 to ALCA office. Submittals received or mailed after May 14th will be \$175 per application.**

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE AN ALCA MEMBER.**

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project being entered (Exactly as it should appear on award plaque) \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Installation or Maintenance Contract Began (Month/Year) \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract price for Total Installation or Annual Maintenance \_\_\_\_\_

**Joint Entry:** (If Applicable) *\*Joint Entrants must also be an ALCA member.*

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
ALCA Vendors who supported this project \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE: May 14, 2018**

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

A fee of \$150 per entry must accompany this form. **A fee of \$175 will be assessed for entries received or mailed after May 14.**

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to ALCA.

Please charge my  VISA  MasterCard  AMEX Total amount charged \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Name \_\_\_\_\_

**DEFINITION OF AWARDS**

**Award of Excellence:** Awards may be given to projects, which demonstrate outstanding levels of workmanship and creativity. This is the highest award in a category.

**Award of Distinction:** Awards may be given to projects, which demonstrate superior levels of workmanship and creativity. This is the second highest award in a category.

**Judges Award:** Awards may be given to projects, which demonstrate distinguished levels of workmanship and creativity. There may be more than one Judges Award given in a category.

**TOP THREE AWARDS**

**Presidential Award:** Best of the Show; this project demonstrates the highest levels of excellence and creativity. The project must first win an Award of Excellence to be considered for a Presidential Award.

**Xeriscape Award:** A project which demonstrates outstanding use of Xeriscape principles may be considered for this award. Projects must first win an Award of Excellence to be considered for this award.

**Best Sustainable Landscape Management Award:** This award reflects and recognizes the precise efforts of gardening, arbor care, turf care and irrigation practices. Projects must first win an Award of Excellence to be considered for this award.

**PROJECT CATEGORY**  
**CHECK ONE PROJECT CATEGORY BELOW**  
**Must have a separate application for each entry**

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**Single Family Residential Installation**

- 1. Under \$25,000
- 2. \$25,001 to \$50,000
- 3. \$50,001 to \$75,000
- 4. \$75,001 to \$125,000
- 5. \$125,001 to \$175,000
- 6. \$175,001 to \$250,000
- 7. \$250,001 to \$350,000
- 8. \$350,001 to \$500,000
- 9. Over \$500,000

**Model Homes Installation**

Landscape construction of 2 or more homes or family units located in a single subdivision.

- 10. Under \$100,000
- 11. Over \$100,000

**Interiorscape Installation**

Commercial or residential projects.

- 12. Interiorscape Installation

**Small Garden Installation**

Defined area no more than 500 sq. ft. Looking for a vignette—decorative design, special garden area, water feature area or entertainment area.

- 13. Small Garden Installation

**Special Water Feature Installation**

Creative use of water feature enhancing the landscape.

- 14. Residential Installation
- 15. Commercial Installation

**Heritage Installation**

Residential, commercial, industrial or public works project which was installed 5 years prior to the date of entry.

- 16. Heritage Installation

**Humanitarian Installation**

Project in which the entrant donated 50% or more of the labor cost of the project. No application fee required.

- 17. Humanitarian Installation

**Commercial Installation**

- 18. Under \$50,000
- 19. \$50,001 to \$100,000
- 20. \$100,001 to \$175,000
- 21. \$175,001 to \$250,000
- 22. \$250,001 to \$350,000
- 23. \$350,001 to \$500,000
- 24. \$500,001 to \$1,000,000
- 25. Over \$1,000,000

**Renovation (Redesign)**

Must have 40% of the original job remaining. Five (5) digital photos prior to the renovation is required.

- 26. Commercial Redesign
- 27. Residential Redesign Under \$50,000
- 28. Residential Redesign \$50,001 to \$150,000
- 29. Residential Redesign \$150,001 to \$350,000
- 30. Residential Redesign Over \$350,000

**Residential Maintenance**

Must be currently maintained by the entrant and have been under contract for 1 year or more.

- 31. Residential Maintenance

**Interiorscape Maintenance**

Must be currently maintained by the entrant and have been under contract for 1 year or more.

- 32. Interiorscape Maintenance

**Commercial Maintenance**

Must be currently maintained by the entrant and have been under contract for 1 year or more.

- 33. Under \$25,000
- 34. \$25,001 to \$50,000
- 35. \$50,001 to \$150,000
- 36. \$150,001 to \$250,000
- 37. \$250,001 to \$350,000
- 38. \$350,001 to \$500,000
- 39. Over \$500,000

**Low Voltage Lighting Installation**

- 40. Residential Installation
- 41. Commercial Installation

**Tree Care Category**

- 42. Tree Care

## WORK PERFORMED (INSTALLATION PROJECTS FOR CATEGORIES 1—30)

Place a check mark under the work you performed. **You must submit a photo to reflect all of these items you checked.**

In the second column, check all work performed by others or was already existing.

WORK PERFORMED	JUDGING GUIDELINES	YOUR COMPANY	OTHERS/ EXISTING	SCORE
Design	Proper plant choices and placement; appropriate use of area; creativity; harmony of project with its environment			
Grading	Consistent with surrounding terrain; smooth gradual transition of landscaped area			
Walls: retaining/screen/bench seats	Even mortar joints; not warped; neat and clean appearance			
Pool	Installed by contractor and/or included in client's contract			
Water Feature	No leaks or excessive water loss; flow consistent with size of feature			
Ramada/Gazebo	Sound structure; level; quality workmanship			
BBQ	Proper construction; adequate distance fro flammable structures/plants			
Boulders	Bury 1/3 to 1/2 of boulders; match surfaces where boulders meet in groups			
Patios/Walkways/Steps/Driveway	Plumb; good joints; no cracks; free of hazard; uniform elevation changes			
Fire Pit	Proper construction; adequate distance fro flammable structures/plants			
Trees	Proper placement, planting depth, staking; nursery stakes removed; healthy			
Cacti/Succulents	Planted with sufficient sun exposure; properly braced, proper placement			
Shrubs/Groundcovers/Vines/Perennials	Proper planting depth; healthy appearance; proper placement			
Annuals	Proper selection; good coverage; healthy appearance			
Low Voltage Lighting	Must provide a night shot; proper installation			
Turf	Smooth even grade and texture; proper drainage; proper installation-minimal seams & hatch pattern			
Artificial Turf	Smooth even grade and texture; proper installation—no visible seams			
Rip Rap/Dry Stream Bed	Follow natural drainage paths; deep enough to facilitate water flow			
Granite/Mulch	Adequate depth to cover soil; smooth transition of walkways			
Pots	Proper placement of pots and plant choices; do not check if homeowner is responsible for pots and planting			
Other: Indicate service				

## WORK PERFORMED (MAINTENANCE PROJECTS FOR CATEGORIES 31—39)

Place a check mark under the work you performed. **You must submit a photo to reflect all of these items you checked.**

In the second column, check all work performed by others or were already existing.

WORK PERFORMED	JUDGING GUIDELINES	YOUR COMPANY	OTHERS/ EXISTING	SCORE
Annuals	Proper selection; good coverage; healthy appearance			
Cacti/Succulents	Healthy appearance; free of insects and/or animal damage			
Rip Rap/Dry Stream Bed	Weed free; no washouts; free of granite fill			
Granite/Mulch	Adequate depth to cover soil; smooth transition of walkways; weed free			
Shrubs/Groundcovers/Vines/ Perennials	Healthy appearance; pruned neatly off walks and buildings; no shearing or excessive pruning; natural appearance			
Parking Areas/Roads	Free of debris and hazards; no plants blocking line of sight; clean curbs and gutters			
Trees trimmed up to and above 12 feet	Properly pruned and supported, if necessary, no mower or weed eater damage; tree rings maintained			
Trees trimmed below 12 feet	Properly pruned ; properly staked or supported, if necessary; out of path of pedestrians and auto traffic; no mower or weed eater damage; tree rings maintained			
Turf	Green and lush in appearance; weed and debris free; mowed evenly; uniform edging			
Pots	Proper plant choices in pots; healthy appearance			
Other: Indicate service				

## WORK PERFORMED (LOW VOLTAGE LIGHTING –CATEGORIES 40—41)

Place a check mark under the work you performed. **You must submit photos to reflect all of these items you checked.**

WORK PERFORMED	JUDGING GUIDELINES	YOUR COMPANY	SCORE
Design	Is the design electrically sound (correct wire size, not overloaded)? Submit a schematic: type of fixture, placement, lamp intensity, & lens for best composition.		
Control System Installation	Are the controls used to operate the system appropriate—timers, photo cells, and/or other control devices? Are they installed per mfr specifications and per code?		
Fixture Installations	Were fixtures installed correctly? Do they meet HOA and code requirements if required? Are they installed per mfr specifications?		
Transformer Installation	Is the transformer sized correctly? Is it mounted level with appropriate sized conduit for wires? Is it installed per mfr specifications and local codes?		
Wire and Wire Connections	Was the appropriate wire size used? Were approved connectors used? Was the wire buried to an appropriate depth. Ensure no conductors are exposed.		

## WORK PERFORMED (TREE CARE –CATEGORY 42)

Applicant must have managed tree health care and pruning of trees on property for a minimum of three years.

WORK PERFORMED	JUDGING GUIDELINES	YOUR COMPANY	SCORE
Tree Health Care Program	Provide spreadsheet(s) or other records documenting tree health program for all trees on property, including proactive steps to prevent health problems such as pests, diseases or failures due to natural causes (weather) or other abiotic disorders. Plan should include calendar of actions such as inspections performed throughout the year. GIS Mapping Example.		
Tree Pruning	Provide up to 5 up close photos of cuts. Cuts are to be performed according to ISA and ANSI standards. Quality of proper trimming methods performed on current and past seasons. Quality and choice of cuts will be assessed.		
Tree Canopy	Provide up to 5 photos, before (if available) and after. Percentage of canopy removed, balance and aesthetics of trees will be assessed. Canopy appearance and tree structure are all taken into consideration. Canopies should be balanced and appropriately maintained for space and site.		
Overall Tree Appearance	Provide 5 photos. Overall view of the property - looking for healthy, beautiful trees.		
Tree Safety	Trees maintained to prevent accidents, i.e., electrical lines, signage, street (sight visibility triangles) and pedestrian clearance.		
Risk Management	Provide up to 5 photos. Tree management to reduce unforeseen failures due to planting depth, poor angle branch attachment and staking maintenance or other biotic or abiotic causes. Examples: Remediation for deeply planted trees, removed trees with included bark on trees growing over walkway, limbs with staking damage due to girdling removed to reduce risk of failing on cars in parking lot. Please provide short explanation of risk management solution for your property.		



## PHOTO AND OWNER RELEASE

The Arizona Landscape Contractors' Association (ALCA) publishes photographs of outstanding projects in its regular publications and marketing materials. Not only do these photographs serve to inspire others in the green industry, but they recognize your hard work. All photos become the property of ALCA and may be used in publications and for public relations activities. Applicants and the professional photographer must sign a copyright release to ALCA for the use of the photos.

### SIGNED RELEASE OF OWNER/REPRESENTATIVE AND PHOTOGRAPHER

#### Signature of Release/Owner:

Name of Project/Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: \_\_\_\_\_

Access to Project: (provide gate access or instructions and best time of day to visit)

I (we) \_\_\_\_\_ agree to give the Arizona Landscape Contractors' Association (ALCA) permission to visit the property and release the entry material to ALCA for media use and other purposes ALCA deems appropriate. If you wish your name to be kept confidential and "private residence" will replace your name, please check here \_\_\_\_\_.  
Print name of Property Owner / Representative

**X** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Property Owner

#### Copyright Release of Digital Photos:

I (we) \_\_\_\_\_ understand that upon submitting this application to the Arizona Landscape Contractors' Association (ALCA), the digital photos become the property of ALCA. I (we) agree to give ALCA permission to use the digital photos in award recognition or any other promotional activity that ALCA is involved with. I (we) certify that the information provided on this application form is complete and true to the best of my (our) knowledge.  
Print Name of Applicant and/or Photographer

**X** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's (Landscape Contractor/Designer) Authorized Signature

**X** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Photographer's Authorized Signature

**ENTRY WILL NOT BE JUDGED WITHOUT THE THREE  
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES MARKED WITH RED X'S.**