

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS



If requirements are not met, you will be notified and given 24 hours to fix your submission.

If your project is not fixed, it will be excluded from the judging and awards.

To submit your entry and hi-res photos, visit <https://agccolorado.secure-platform.com/site>.

1) NARRATIVE

- Word Limit: 1,500 words **The submission system will not allow over 1,500 words.*
- Please do not include logos, hyperlinks, photo collages, charts or text boxes (no visuals, only text) in the narrative section of the submission.

2) PHOTOS

- a) Upload up to 10 photos during the submission process. These photos are used to tell the story of the project and are not scored by the judges. Photos are not required but are encouraged. ***Please do not include letters of recommendation or text-based images as photos.***
- b) These photos should be magazine quality/high resolution. These photos are used for the ACE banquet, the ACE website, and in the AGC annual magazine.
- c) **Photo Release:** Your submission of photos, rendering, or 3D model images indicates that your company owns the rights to allow AGC to use any submitted image on the ACE Awards video, the ACE website, and in the AGC annual magazine.

4) SUBMIT ENTRY & PAY

- a) Entrants need to submit their narrative and photos on <https://agccolorado.secure-platform.com/site>. This will take you to the new ACE Award submission platform where you will be directed to create a username and password. This is a new website so past ACE Award logins will **not** work. You will submit your project information, the narrative and up to 10 high-res photos through this portal. Once you have created a profile, you will have the ability to log in and see your submitted entries.
- b) Each entry is \$300 and needs to be paid for before the **deadline of Friday, August 21, 2026 by 5:00pm MDT**. Entries will only be valid with payment. The payment link can be found under 'AGC ACE Awards' on the navigation bar at www.agccolorado.org.
- c) A firm may enter more than one entry in a category; however, the same project may not be submitted in more than one category. Each entry will need its own completed online entry and payment. **There is a limit of 3 submissions per company.**

ACE AWARDS CATEGORIES OF SUBMISSIONS AND REQUIREMENTS



Project Narrative

All entries must include a project narrative. The narrative will start with an overview statement that tells the judges why this project should win an ACE Award and why this project is unique. This information is also used for the banquet presentation should you win an award. The narrative will address each of the required elements for the category as outlined below.

Note: The descriptions of each of the required elements are meant to be used as guidelines. You should interpret each criteria based on your own unique project submission and respond accordingly.

Visual Presentation

While points are not awarded for the visual presentation, the photos can impact your entry in that they help to tell your story. Support your narrative with photos that show the process of construction and any challenges described in the narrative. Up to 10 photos can be added during the submission process.

Element Requirements for Category 1 - Contribution to the Community

Contribution to the Community is a project that had significant company and employee participation in civic affairs and/or donation of manpower for community projects and benefit. For this category, multiple AGC of Colorado members who actively participated in the project may jointly submit an entry.

Judging is based on the following criteria so be sure to address each one of these within the narrative.

- **Special Needs Met:** *What did you do as a contractor to reach out to the community to provide special or unique contributions?*
- **Company and Employee Participation and/or Donation of Manpower**
- **Impact on the Community:** *How did your company/project change the community for the better?*
- **Historical or Long-Range Value to the Community:** *Is the project historic? What long-term value will the community realize?*
- **Environmental/Safety:** *How safety was viewed as an integral part of the project by providing an overview of the implementation of your firm's safety plan and commitment to safety, total hours worked vs. lost time hours, etc.: sensitivity to environment and surroundings including Green Building techniques.*

Element Requirements for Categories 2-14

- 2 - Meeting the Challenge of a Difficult Job – Specialty Contractor
- 3 - Meeting the Challenge of a Difficult Job – General Contractor
- 4 - Best Building Project – Specialty Contractor (Under \$2 Million)
- 5 - Best Building Project – Specialty Contractor (\$2 - \$6 Million)
- 6 - Best Building Project – Specialty Contractor (\$6 - \$10 Million)
- 7 - Best Building Project - Specialty Contractor (Over \$10 Million)
- 8 – Best Building Project – Specialty Contractor Non-MEP (Under \$2 Million)
- 9 – Best Building Project – Specialty Contractor Non-MEP (Over \$2 Million)
- 10 - Best Building Project – General Contractor (Under \$10 Million)
- 11 - Best Building Project – General Contractor (\$10 - \$40 Million)
- 12 - Best Building Project – General Contractor (\$40 - \$70 Million)
- 13 - Best Building Project – General Contractor (\$70 - \$100 Million)
- 14 - Best Building Project – General Contractor (Over \$100 Million)

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- **Solutions of Special Projects:** *Effectively dealing with major obstacles or conditions which may include, but not limited to, time-factors, schedules, unforeseen job conditions, codes or weather.*
- **Excellence in Project Execution and Management/Team Approach:** *Efficient execution of construction type; was partnering utilized, value engineering proposals, safety results developed, etc.*
- **Construction Innovations/State-of-the-Art Advancement:** *Innovative use of construction techniques, manpower, equipment or materials; the incorporation of new ideas and the most up to date knowledge in order to make advancements; could include elements like technology such as BIM, processes such as IPD and Lean Construction or LEED.*
- **Environmental/Safety:** *How safety was viewed as an integral part of the project by providing an overview of the implementation of your firm’s safety plan and commitment to safety, total hours worked vs. lost time hours, etc.; sensitivity to environment and surroundings including Green Building techniques.*
- **Excellence in Client Service and/or Contribution to Community:** *Did you provide special or unique contributions to the community; you can provide client testimonials; was your project recognized in any way?*

NOTE: AGC reserves the right to adjust categories based on number of submissions received.



ACE AWARDS ENTRY RULES AND REQUIREMENTS – ONLINE SUBMISSION

The **ACE Awards** program is open to all general contractor and specialty contractor member firms in good standing with AGC Colorado for projects within the Rocky Mountain Region (contiguous states including: CO, NM, AZ, UT, WY). For joint ventures all members of the joint venture, or the joint venture itself, or the managing partner and at least 50% of the joint venture partnership, must be a member(s) of AGC Colorado.

Projects completed or substantially completed between **September 2025 to September 2026** are eligible for the 2026 awards program. A firm may enter more than one entry in a category; however, ***the same project may not be submitted in more than one category.*** Each entry will need its own completed online entry. **There is a limit of 3 submissions per company.**

AGC reserves the right to adjust categories based on number of submissions received.

All entries shall be submitted online at:

<https://agccolorado.secure-platform.com/site/organizations/main/home>

All submissions are due by Friday, August 21, 2026 at 5:00pm MDT.

Each online entry must include:

- A written narrative to be submitted via the ACE Awards submission platform (See Narrative and Photo Requirements for details)
- Online payment of \$300 entry fee per submission.

Please inform Stephanie Godwin if any information submitted in your entry is confidential. Also please feel free to call Stephanie with any questions you may have regarding your submission 720.312.1159 or via email stephanie@agccolorado.org.

Judging of entries will be by a panel of out-of-state judges from the public and private sector allied with the construction industry. All entries will be judged for excellence in construction techniques.

Entries not in compliance with these rules, as determined by AGC Staff, may not be considered. All decisions of the staff and judges are final.