

2026 Associate of the Year Award Rules & Criteria

What is the Associate of the Year Award?

The goal of the NAHB Associate of the Year Award is to recognize one Associate Member who has distinguished themselves by their outstanding contributions on the local, state, and national levels to the home building industry and NAHB. Up to four of the remaining top finalists are inducted into NAHB's prestigious Society of Honored Associates.

How do I apply?

Nominations and supporting materials must be submitted at www.awards.nahb.org by **September 21, 2026**.

Who can be nominated?

Each state is invited to submit one nomination for the Associate of the Year Award. Nominations are accepted from state presidents, Executive Officers, or (in states without a state association) state representatives. Nominees must be Associate Members in good standing with NAHB at the time of receiving the award.

Note: Finalists and individuals who were previously nominated for the Associate of the Year Award but did not win are eligible to be nominated again. Individuals previously nominated and selected as a winner are not eligible.

Is there an application fee?

No, there is no fee to apply for the Associate of the Year Award.

How will I know if my nominee was selected?

Nominees and the individuals who submitted their applications will be notified by email if they are selected as finalists.

When will the winner be announced?

The Associate of the Year winner and any individuals inducted into the NAHB Society of Honored Associates will be announced at the 2027 International Builders Show during the Associate Members Committee meeting.

Who judges the nominations?

Nominations will be reviewed by a panel of five (5) judges consisting of the immediate Past NAHB Chairman, Immediate Past National Associate Chair, Immediate Past Membership Committee Chair, Immediate Past Associate of the Year winner, Immediate Past Associate Members Committee Chair.



The nominee with the highest cumulative score will be named the Associate of the Year. Up to four of the remaining top finalists will be inducted into the Society of Honored Associates.

What are the core criteria for selecting the Associate of the Year Award winner?

Nominations are evaluated based on the following criteria:

- **Local association activities** – involvement and leadership within the local home builders association
- **State association activities** – participation and contributions at the state association level
- **National association activities** – engagement with NAHB programs, committees, councils, and initiatives
- **Industry accomplishments** – professional achievements and contributions that have positively impacted the home building industry
- **Civic responsibility** – community involvement, volunteerism, and efforts that demonstrate a commitment to public service

What should be included in the application?

- Prompt: Please describe the accomplishments on the local, state, and national level that make this individual deserving of the Associate of the Year Award. Be sure to include industry accomplishments and civic contributions. (500-word limit).
- Supporting materials
 - Required:
 - Nominee headshot
 - Letter of recommendation (from the state or local HBA)
 - Optional:
 - Resume
 - Professional statement
 - Videos
 - Articles
 - Other supporting materials

Questions?

Contact NAHB Manager, Membership, Courtney Sigler at csigler@nahb.org.

