



NAHB Remodelers

Homes for Life Awards Descriptions of Categories, Judging Criteria and Sample Application Questions

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The Homes for Life Awards honor projects that demonstrate excellence in aging-in-place design and/or accessible home modifications in a remodeled home. These award-winning homes offer specific design or programmatic solutions that help residents continue living in their homes as they grow older and/or face physical challenges.

The Homes for Life Awards are reviewed by a panel of seven judges comprised of national NAHB Remodelers leaders and immediate past recipients. Judges will recuse themselves if they have a project under consideration. If any judge must recuse themselves, additional previous award recipients will be asked to fill a vacancy.

Who May Enter

Anyone may submit projects for consideration in one or more of the Homes for Life categories, fee applies per entry. Only Certified Aging-in-Place Specialists (CAPS) designees will be automatically entered and considered for the Best Overall CAPS Design category.

All projects submitted must be completed in the 18 months prior to the application deadline.

Category Descriptions

- **Bath Remodel** - Demonstrates how the client's aging-in-place needs were met in a bathroom.
- **Exterior Remodel** - Demonstrates how the exterior of a home was modified to address the aging-in-place needs of the client.
- **Kitchen Remodel** - Demonstrates how the client's aging-in-place needs were met in the kitchen.
- **Multi-Generational Remodel** - Demonstrates how a multi-generational house was modified to address the client's aging-in-place needs.
- **Whole House/Multi-Room Remodel** - Demonstrates how the whole house or multiple rooms were modified to address the client's aging-in-place needs.

Judging Criteria

All applications are judged anonymously and will be reviewed on functionality, problem solving, aesthetics, innovation, and degree of difficulty.

Judges will specifically look to:

- What were the needs of the client,
- How those needs were addressed,
- How aging-in-place and universal design concepts were used to overcome unique space and accessibility constraints with creative and innovative solutions.

Sample Application Questions

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Interpretive Statements

All applications are judged anonymously. Please avoid using identifying language that reveals the name of the applicant, company, client. (ex. The S family vs. the Smith family; as a 20-year veteran of the remodeling industry; this was my favorite project vs. Smith Bros. Remodeling enjoyed working on this project)

What were the needs of the client? (500 words max)

*Describe the design goals and client needs. Ex. Current needs, immediate needs, future needs, aging-in-place plan, disability.**

How were the needs of the client met? (500 words max)

*Describe the aging-in-place modifications and universal design features of the project. Demonstrate how the project enhanced the functionality and aesthetics of the home while addressing the client's needs.**

How did this project use aging-in-place and universal design concepts to overcome unique space and accessibility constraints with creative and innovative solutions? (500 words max)

*Describe the creative use of materials, design concepts, construction methods and unique constraints of space and client's abilities.**

Required Uploads

Original Floor Plan

Final Floor Plan Renderings

3 Before Images

3 After Images

Option Uploads

7 Additional Before Images (up to)

7 Additional After Images (up to)

3 Client Letters of Recommendation

If you are not yet a Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS) designee, nahb.org/capsinfo will provide you more information on obtaining the designation. Renew your CAPS designation [here](#).