

A graphic element for the Spark Award, featuring a series of five small grey dots on the left, followed by a blue line that curves upwards and then downwards, resembling a stylized spark or flame.

Spark Award

Leading Suppliers Council - FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I enter a project that was entered for last year's competition?

Yes. The only stipulation is that it cannot be a previous year Spark Award winning project.

Can I enter a project that has won other awards or been previously published?

Yes, receiving additional awards outside the LSC Spark Award does not carry weight in the judging process and will not disqualify an entry.

If my submission won last year, can I enter it again this year?

Within any two-year period, Spark Award recipients can only win once. This is to ensure that only the newest and most innovative submissions are submitted each year, and to avoid duplicity.

What is the entry fee?

The entry fee is \$125 per submission. Payment must be made by credit card online at nahb.org/sparkaward. Refunds cannot be given except in extenuating circumstances. There is no limit on the number of entries you can submit.

How do I submit my application?

Please submit your application online at nahb.org/sparkaward.

When is the submission deadline?

Registration ends on **Oct. 31, 2018**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Who do I contact if I have questions while submitting?

Email Jackie Barnes at jbarnes@nahb.org or call **202-266-8247**.

Why are there no binders or physical entries?

In an effort to be environmentally friendly, cost effective and more efficient we will only accept electronic entries.

Should I submit an image or video with my application?

Each entry requires professional-quality color photographs of the completed projects. Video submissions should be sent to jbarnes@nahb.org

** All submissions must have a written permission to use the photographs and complete the NAHB Photo Release Form.*

Can I include photo captions?

Yes, brief captions detailing what is shown are preferred.

Who is doing the judging?

Judging will be done by nine Builder members of NAHB.

What is the judging criteria?

Each submission will be scored on a 150-point scale and based upon the responses given.

How are winners selected?

A panel of respected builders will select a set of finalists from the pool of applications. A winner will be chosen after a final review of those finalists.

When will the winners be acknowledged?

Winners will be notified via email. The final winner will be recognized at the New American Home media night event, which is held the night before the International Builders' Show officially opens.

What exposure do winners receive?

- LSC Spark Award winner plaque
- Company name and innovative solution or product featured on **NAHB.org**
- Recognition in *Professional Builder* magazine
- News release distributed by NAHB to national press
- Special invitation to the New American Home media event at the International Builders' Show
- Exposure through multiple NAHB social media platforms, including Facebook and Twitter
- 'IBS Live' interview
- Full page advertisement in the IBS show directory
- Counter card or booth plaque at IBS

What happens if there is a tie?

In the event of a tie between two nominees, both individuals/companies will receive the award.