



2026 Monumental Awards Entry Guidelines

All 2026 entries must be received electronically by no later than 11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 15th, 2026.

Entry Guidelines & Eligibility:

- All projects completed in Bartholomew, Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Morgan and Shelby Counties between **May 1st, 2023, and May 1st, 2026**, are eligible to enter.
- Projects may include both public and private sector facilities.
- Projects are judged based on the 2026 Judging Rubrics & Category Requirements and these Entry Guidelines.
- All projects may be entered in as many categories for which they qualify. Please note, you will be prompted to select any and all categories for which you are submitting projects and will only complete one application form regardless of the number of categories you are submitting under. While it is recommended to tailor answers and narratives to the specific category, the option will be available to use the same answers and narratives for all categories.
- All entries must include a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of fifteen (15) color images (300 dpi high resolution images required) best depicting the project in a PowerPoint file **named as the formal project name**. PowerPoint presentations should include full screen photos and no text other than labeling of images (before, after, floor plans, etc.) will be permitted. Renderings and floor plans can be included but will be included as part of the 15-slide maximum. *Please note that by submitting your project photos, you are giving the Indy Chamber permission to use the images for the 2026 Monumental Awards or for future Monumental Awards events and promotional materials.*
- All entries must include narratives that clearly and concisely outline the project scope and explain why the project should be considered and to be used for event and promotional materials. Please note that all narratives are subject for review and updates by the Indy Chamber communications team.
- Completed entries must be received no later than **11:59pm on Friday, May 15th, 2026**, to the Indy Chamber via the submission form.
- Separate supporting documents will only be accepted by including a link (URL) in the 'supporting document field'. Scanned articles will not be accepted.
- Any entry not conforming to these requirements will not be accepted.
- **Entry fee: \$150.** The Indy Chamber will not issue any refunds.
- Any project submitted is eligible to win "First Place" in any category only one (1) time.
 - All "First Place" and "Finalist" projects will be considered for the 2026 Monumental Award.
 - Projects that have been submitted or won previous merit or achievement awards, now referred to as "Finalists", are still eligible to be submitted under different categories and to be considered for the 2026 Monumental Award within the three (3) year eligibility period.
- A representative from the submitting organization must be present at the Monumental Awards event on **October 14th, 2026**.

Entry Steps:

Step 1: Click on the 'begin your submission' button at the top left of the page, and complete the following information:

- Contact Information (Name, Email, Title, Company/Organization, Address, Phone Number)
- Project Information
 - Formal Project Name (this cannot include the submitting organization name)
 - Project Start and End Date
 - Address of Project
 - Project County/Counties
 - Award Category (including any other award categories for which this project is being submitted, please note separate submissions are required)
 - Submitting Organization
 - Address of Submitting Organization
 - Phone of Submitting Organization
 - Preferred social handles of Submitting Organization
 - Owner(s) or client(s), developer(s), designer(s), engineer(s) and sub-contractor(s) with a main contact person and high-resolution logos, if applicable. *Please note that co-submissions between firms are limited to joint ventures.*
- The names of two (2) individuals who will be recognized during the Monumental Awards event. We recommend this be used for a president, CEO, and/or project manager, and include the individual's name, title, and organization. ***Please also include a phonetic spelling of names to ensure that they are read correctly at the awards presentation.***
- Explanation of the project's team composition and community engagement approach, including participation of certified business enterprises (such as XBE partners), and how the project addressed accessibility and user needs.
- For proper recognition of materials, please identify the photographer's name, email, and phone. Please note that by submitting your project photos, you are giving the Indy Chamber permission to use the images for the 2026 Monumental Award event or for future Monumental Awards events and promotional materials.
- Narratives that clearly and concisely outline the project scope and explain why the project should be considered based on the judging criteria and specific category requirements. Jury evaluations will review all narratives.
 - 75- to 125-word narrative to be used to describe the project in various marketing materials.
 - 200- to 250-word narrative to be used to present the project as an award winner at the event.
- Optional supporting document URL links.
- Optional video URL link related to the project.
- Upload one (1) 300 dpi high resolution image to be used for marketing graphics.
- Upload PowerPoint Presentation (16:9 aspect ratio) required files based on the 2026 Entry Guidelines above, see #5.
- The People's Choice Award (optional) will be awarded at the night of the event to highest ranking project as determined by the public. By opting into this category, you're granting Indy Chamber permission to use your project, image, and copy in a public online voting format which will be advertised across Indy Chamber social media platforms and in Indy Chamber Board communications.
 - Choose and upload one (1) image. This can be the same 300 dpi high-resolution image you are using for marketing.
 - Provide 1-2 sentences describing the scope of the project and the impact it will have on the Indy region.
- Any other prompted requirements specific to award categories.

Step 2: Follow the prompts on the application form to submit payment information.