

2021 Engineering Excellence Awards Frequently Asked Questions



When is the Engineering Excellence Awards deadline?

Online entry submissions must be completed by **Monday, November 2, 2020, at midnight**. All materials must be completed and received by our office on or before this date.

When is the Awards Luncheon?

The Awards Luncheon is tentatively scheduled for **March 11, 2021**. More details will be forthcoming.

What are the fees?

Entry fees per project are \$425 for member firms (\$1,250 for non-member firms) with checks made payable to the American Council of Engineering Companies of Ohio (ACEC Ohio) and an additional \$400 (\$600 for non-member firms) for the final submission. If you have multiple entries, please send one check. Credit cards are accepted but there is a 3 percent processing fee.

How are we notified of our award status?

After judging is concluded and scores are tallied, firms will be notified by email of their award level. We will notify awardees no later than **November 19, 2020** by email.

When can we issue press releases?

Firms can issue press releases immediately upon notification of their award level.

Can you submit less than six photos?

Yes, just state that your project does not warrant additional photos. Please make sure there is at least one photo that can be used in promotion publications.

What are the award levels?

There are four award levels: Honor Award, Outstanding Achievement Award, Outstanding Small Project Award and Grand Award. As many as **10** of the highest scoring entries will be recognized with an Outstanding Achievement Award and will be eligible to voluntarily submit to ACEC National.

All other entries will be recognized with Honor Awards, with the two following exceptions. 1. The top award, the Grand Award, will be selected from among the group of Outstanding Achievement recipients. The winner of the Grand Award will be announced at the Engineering Excellence Awards Luncheon in Columbus. 2. An award for the Outstanding Small Project will be presented to the highest scoring project with a total project construction budget not exceeding \$2.5 million, regardless of whether the project was entered in the Small Projects Category (J).

What is the ACEC Ohio foam board discount?

We are offering members a discounted rate to print their board through Hopkins Printing. The price of a foam core board is \$91, and \$139 for a gatorplast board. If you're interested in using this service please reach out to **Steve Shepard** at 614-324-4286 or via email at sshepard@hopkinsprinting.com. *Rates include shipping to ACEC Ohio offices.*

Is there a deadline to have Hopkins print our board?

Yes, ideally Hopkins would like to have your artwork by **October 16, 2020**.

When I log in to the online portal, I am asked to provide an MO code before I can proceed. Can you tell me how to obtain this code?

You do not need an MO code to proceed to the online portal. Please log out of every EEA and ACEC window. Shut down the browser, turn it back on and go to <https://eea.acec.org/ohio>.

Who are the Judges?

A panel of judges with backgrounds in engineering, architecture, construction, academia, industry or government, will evaluate the competition entries. There are four judges reviewing the projects.

When is the Judging?

Judging is scheduled for **November 12, 2020**.

Feedback from Judges

-Approved budget versus actual cost of the project

If the project is underbudget you would receive more points. However, judges like to see an explanation as to why your estimate or bid is different from the final cost.

-Timeline

If you finished ahead of schedule, on time, or later is important to the judges.

-Verbiage

Do not use repetition of the same words or information. The executive summary should be very succinct. Do not use the same content for the summary and executive summary. Both items should not be identical in content.

-Scoring

Project submissions that clearly follow and address judging criteria are easier to score and tend to receive a higher score overall.