



## Frequently asked Questions

Q: Why should I enter?

A: The Star Awards is the Southwest's premier building industry awards program. Winning (even being a finalist) sets you apart as one of the best in a particular category. When you win one of these awards, you have concrete, objective, third-party affirmation that you can present to a potential client. You can't win if you don't enter.

- Finalists and Winners are listed on the Texas Association of Builder website
- Finalists are featured in the printed and virtual copies of the Finalists Catalog
- Winners are featured in the Sept/Oct issue of Texas Builder Magazine
- Finalists are considered for other publications across the state
- Finalists and Winners are considered for featured articles in Texas Builder Magazine

Q: What is new for 2019?

- More General Categories for ALL member types
- More Volume Categories Builder categories

Q: Where do I get an entry form?

A: It's so easy! [Click here to enter online](#) or go to <http://www.tabstarawards.com>

Q: I have last year's call for entries. Do I need to get an updated copy?

A: YES! Categories have been updated and new categories have been added. See a list of categories [here](#).

Q: How many categories can I enter?

A: There is no limit to the number of categories you may enter or the number of entries per category.

Q: What is the most important thing to know before entering for a Star Award?

A: Read, Read and Read again the requirements, the judges take this in to consideration if you do not complete the entry as requested.

Q: How important are the photo requirements?

A: Very important. We need print quality photographs of your project. Project photographs of winning entries will be printed in the next issue of Texas Builder magazine.

- Judges review the photographs of Entries
- Photographs are used in the Winners presentation during the Sunbelt Builders Show™
- Photographs could be selected to be featured on the Texas Builders website or in Texas Builder Magazine

Q: When are the 2019 deadlines?

A: Friday, February 8, 2019 is the Early Bird deadline. Thursday, February 28, 2019 is the FINAL deadline.

Q: What do I need to know about the Early Bird Deadline?

A: To take advantage of the Early Bird pricing the entry must be **completed** and **payment submitted** in full by the Early Bird Deadline. PLEASE NOTE any entries submitted and paid for by the Early Bird deadline will not have the option to be modified after the Early Bird deadline. Check the [Entry Criteria](#) section of the website for the current year's deadline dates.



Q: What happens to incomplete entries?

A: Unpaid incomplete entries are discarded. Entries that are paid for but left unfinished are eligible for judging but will most likely be disqualified for incompleteness.

Q: When I log into the system I cannot see the Star Awards.

A: "Texas Association of Builders" must be added as an Association in MY PROFILE. Click on "My Profile" → Associations → Select Drop down → Add "Texas Association of Builders"

## MY PROFILE

A screenshot of the "MY PROFILE" page. The "Associations" section is highlighted in yellow. It shows a "+ Add Association" button, a "Select..." dropdown menu, and a "Remove" button next to the entry "Texas Association of Builders: Texas Association of Builders". There are "Save" and "Cancel" buttons at the bottom.

Q: We have 5 marketing representatives for our company. All of us will be working on our Star Awards entries for our respective TX regions. Should we all create individual log-ins or can we share a log-in and all be on the same site at the same time with the same log in?

A: We recommend that each representative create their own Id. If you all use one log-in then one person will have to be responsible for all the entries.

Q: Where can I find a list of Categories?

A: Once logged into the system → View the Main Dashboard

Q: What is the difference between a Project Description and a Project Highlight?

A: Project Description is what the judges see, it should paint a picture about the project. It can be either bulleted items or a short paragraph about the project. A Project Highlight is what is used in making the script for the Awards program should the entry be selected. This should only be a few bullets or sentences that describe the entry.

Q: I am submitting a Remodel project and we do not have an official before floor plan, what do I do?

A: Draw a floor plan that best represents the floor plan before the project, it does not have to be to scale.

Q: I am submitting a Remodel project what kind of before pictures are needed?

A: Any picture quality that meets the size requirement will work, in the past we have had pictures taken with phones. It just needs to show where the project started so the judges can see the improvements.

Q: My client had unique taste in furnishings, so I am not sure I want to submit an entry, what do I do?

A: Have the pictures taken prior to the client moving back in, you can use them for both the entries you want to submit but also in your portfolio for prospective clients.

Q: What is the process after judging?

A: Please see the below outline

- Finalists will be notified via email by June 1<sup>st</sup>
- Finalists will be posted to the [TAB website](#) in a press release.
- Winners will be recognized during the Star Awards Event during the Sunbelt Builders Show™



- Company representative from all Finalists companies are strongly encouraged to attend the Star Awards event.
- Winners will be posted to on the [TAB Website](#) after the Sunbelt Builders Show™
- Winners will be listed in the Sept/Oct issue of Texas Builder Magazine

Q: I'm just across the border in Oklahoma. Can I enter?

A: Yes! The Star Awards accepts entries from the entire Southwest, including Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Q.: Do I have to be a member of a local Home Builders Association in one of the above listed States to enter a Star Award?

A: Yes, you need to be a Builder member or Associate member of a local home builder association. For additional details regarding eligibility, please see the [Eligibility](#) section of the website.

- Builder members can enter for Awards in the following Categories
  - Individual Achievement Categories
  - General Categories For All Member Types
  - Custom Builder Categories – Product
  - Custom Builder Categories – Promotion
  - Developer Categories – Product
  - Developer Categories – Promotion
  - Multifamily Categories – Product
  - Remodeler Categories – Product
  - Remodeler Categories – Promotion
  - Volume Builder (50 Homes or More) – Product
  - Volume Builder Categories – Promotion
- Associate Members can enter for Awards in the following Categories
  - Individual Achievement Categories
  - General Categories For All Member Types
  - Associate Categories - Promotion

Q: Do I use my TAB or local HBA user name and password to access the Star Awards?

A: No, you will need to register at [www.TABStarAward.com](http://www.TABStarAward.com) to set up a username and password.

Q: I entered my Local Association's Awards program can I just have that rolled over to the TAB Star Awards?

A: Contact the TAB office to find out which programs have allowed for TAB to receive the information and expedite this process for you. If your entry can be rolled over, you will still need to review your entry, pay and submit the entry. Rolled over entries will not be eligible for the Early Bird discount.

Q: If I have additional questions who do I contact?

A: Please contact the TAB office at 512-476-6346