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## ***Excellence in Masonry Design Awards Submittal Entry Overview & Instructions***

**Outstanding masonry projects featuring brick, block, and stone will be recognized for design, workmanship, and creativity.**

A distinguished panel of out-of-state jurors will judge the entries. The Utah Masonry Council recognizes the professionalism and expertise of the individual jurors, encourages, and supports the jury's discretion in its choice of projects. The decisions of the jury will determine the type of awards which may include Citation, Merit, Honor, Best of Show, Craftsman, and Gold Trowel awards within categories of Residential and Non-Residential. A submittal entry does not guarantee an award regardless of the number of entries received per category.

Other Awards will include:

- **Craftsmanship Award - Residential and Non-Residential:** All projects submitted will be considered for the Craftsmanship Award. These awards will be selected by a panel of three retired masonry Journeymen.
- **Gold Trowel Award – Residential and Non-Residential:** An outstanding project for each category as selected by this year's jury.

### **Awards will be presented to:**

The architectural firm, structural engineering firm, general contractor, major masonry supplier(s), masonry contractor(s), and the owner of the project for each winning project. Please list all companies that apply as there may be multiple architects, masonry suppliers or masonry contractors for the project.

### **Presentation of awards will take place at the:**

Excellence in Masonry Design Awards Banquet on  
Friday, November 20, 2026  
at Hilton SLC City Center 255 W South Temple St. SLC,  
UT 84101

### **Eligibility:**

1. Masonry products (limited to concrete masonry units, brick and stone) must be the predominant components.
2. Projects must be completed between January 1, 2021 and Dec 31, 2025.
3. Projects must be located within the state of Utah.
4. There is no limit to the number of projects entered per company.
5. Previous Excellence Design Award winners (Gold Trowel, Honor, Best of Show, Merit or Citation) projects may not be re-submitted. Previous Craftsmanship Award winners may be re-submitted for consideration for an Excellence Design Award (Gold Trowel, Honor, Merit or Citation) only.

### **Schedule:**

**July 31, 2026** - Deadline for Entry Form and Fee

**July 31, 2026** - Completed Submittal Packet Due

**Week of Aug 31, 2026** - Jury to Review Submittals

**November 20, 2026** - Awards Presented at the Excellence in Masonry Design Awards Banquet



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## Important Notes:

- All submittal packages will be digital and submitted by mail on a thumb drive or submitted electronically (Dropbox, HighTail, etc). Paper submittals will not be accepted.
- Enclosed forms must be used as submittal pages. Additional space/pages may be added as needed.
- Entries must include the *project entry number in the upper right-hand corner* of the page. After you have purchased your Submittal Packet, UMC will email your entry number to you.
- When describing the *masonry materials* used on the 03 Project Identification Form, please do not use any company, brand or specific product names.
- No Submittal Packet shall contain the name of any project participants or the name of the submitter within the text of the submittal pages. This includes company names and logos on site plans, floor plans and any other images in the submittal packet.
  - **Only the 01 Project Information Form and the 02 Release Forms should have project participants, submitter, owner and photographer names listed. Provide information as indicated on each form. Accurate information is critical!**
- If there is more than one architect, masonry supplier or masonry contractor used on the project, please list each on the 01 Project Information Form. You may add an additional page to the form if needed.
- **All digital files (PDFs) are to be saved on a thumb drive or electronic file in the order specified below. Files**

*names should be the form number and name:*

- 01 Project Information Form
- Release Form
  - 02a – Release Form - Architect
  - 02o – Release Form - Owner
  - 02p – Release Form - Photographer
- 03 Project Identification Form
- 04 Project Description
- 05 Site Plan
- 06 Floor Plan
- 07 Masonry Details
- 08 Photo Image Identification Form



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## Entry Format Items:

The Submittal Packet should contain 1 set of entry pages.

### **01 Project Information Form**

This form is crucial in that it contains the complete project team with full company names and with contact information.

### **02 Release Form**

Multiple forms with individual signatures are permitted. Forms for Owner, Architect and Photographer are enclosed.

### **03 Project Identification Form**

This will be page 1 of the jury submittal package.

### **04 Project Description – Use of masonry in design**

A thorough description of the project, emphasizing the attributes of the masonry used.

### **05 Site Plan**

Site plan showing location of building on property, key features, etc. *Please insert blank page if not submitting drawings.*

### **06 Floor Plan**

Floor Plan showing complete layout of building. *Please insert blank page if not submitting drawings.*

### **07 Masonry Details**

Workmanship is part of the judging criteria. Unusual detail drawings are of interest to the jury. *Please insert blank page if not submitting drawings.*

### **08 Photo Image Identification Form**

List the photos that are included in the submittal (correspond the photo number in the submittal package to number on 08 Photo Image Identification Form) and give a brief description of the photo for the jury's reference.

### **Photo Images: Minimum 6 images, maximum 12.**

Includes elevations, special masonry details and overall view of project. **DIGITAL IMAGES STANDARDS:** 10" x 15" at 300 dpi. The images in the submittal should be numbered corresponding to the 08 Photo Image Identification Form and appear in the order that the images are to appear during judging.

*Utah Masonry Council  
appreciates your effort and support of our  
Excellence in Masonry Design Awards.*

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### Please review this check list before submitting your entry!

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	Submittal packet should include a total of <b>1 set of entry pages:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Completed forms should be scanned and saved as PDF files</li><li>- File names should be the number and title of the appropriate form</li><li>- 1 thumb drive or 1 electronic file</li></ul>
	<b>Project Entry Number</b> must be present in the <b>upper right-hand corner</b> of each page.
	<b>Only</b> the <b>Project Information Form</b> and the <b>Release Forms</b> should have project participants, submitter, owner and photographer names listed.
	Confirm that you have <b>listed all Masonry Suppliers</b> on the 01 Project Information Form, including suppliers of Architectural Precast and Stone. Add lines to the form under Masonry Supplier if necessary.
	<b>Release Forms contain all required signatures.</b> There are separate forms for the Owner, the Architect and the Photographer. Use additional forms if necessary.
	<b>DO NOT list brand names of products</b> used in masonry materials description on the 03 Project ID Form or on the 04 Project Description Page.
	Be sure to <b>list all masonry materials used</b> in the project on the 03 Project Identification Form including Architectural Precast and Stone.
	Project Photos: minimum of 6 images and maximum of 12 images. <b>Each image must be numbered to correspond to the 08 Photo Image ID Form.</b>
	Thumb drive containing all project submittal information should be placed in a plain envelope with only the project number noted on the outside.
	Deadline for delivery of the submittal packet is July 31, 2026 at 5 pm. Packet can be mailed or hand delivered to ATTN: Utah Masonry Council, 299 S. Main St ste 1300 Salt Lake City , UT 84111. Packet can be submitted electronically (Dropbox, HighTail, etc.) to <a href="mailto:cassie@utahmasonrycouncil.org">cassie@utahmasonrycouncil.org</a>