

## CALL FOR ENTRIES

Submission Deadline: Friday, October 31st, 2025

The Canadian Home Builders' Association of the Central Okanagan (CHBA-CO) is pleased to invite member companies involved in the residential building industry to participate in the 2026 Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence®. **Each entrant must be a CHBA-CO member in good standing, including associate companies listed on the entries.**

Finalists are showcased at the Builders Ball event, as well as Gala Night, which provides incredible exposure as both events are very well attended by individuals both in and outside of the building industry. In addition, finalists are mentioned in various CHBA digital and print media – both leading up to the event and afterwards.

For more information on joining the Association or questions regarding your entry please contact our office directly: Email: [info@chbaco.com](mailto:info@chbaco.com) or Phone: 250-861-3988.

### ELIGIBLE ENTRIES

- Projects and products built, renovated, developed, created and/or marketed for the period of **January 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025** are eligible for the 2025 Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence®.
- A building permit must be in place for any pre-sale marketing.
- For categories 1 - 11 and 26 - 37, the project must be substantially completed.
- Any entry in a specific category from a previous year is not eligible to be entered in the same category for this year's competition; however, a new phase could be entered from the same project (i.e. If you entered Excellence in Townhome Development last year, Phase 2 of the same development could enter Excellence in Townhome Development again this year as long as additional phases have substantial differences).
- Entries must include Homeowner and/or Builder/Renovator permission forms. (See specific categories)
- Associate companies will not be added after October 31 2025.

### DEADLINE, ENTRY FEES & PAYMENT METHODS

The online entry form closes at **11:59pm on Friday, October 31st, 2025**. All completed online entry forms, including floor plans and fees, must be submitted by this time. There will be **no** extensions.

Category	Per Entry
1 - 37	\$325 + GST
38 - 46	\$500 + GST

- One payment including all entry fees is sufficient for multiple entries.
- You may pay by Visa, MasterCard, AMEX.
- Your category and entry number(s) must be included with your payment.
- All payments must be received no later than Friday, October 31st, 2025, to qualify for judging.

### ENTRY PREPARATION

- Entry materials for categories 1 - 13 and 17 - 37 must be anonymous.
- Inclusion of company names and addresses anywhere in or on the entry materials other than the entry form is forbidden, except for entries in the Sales, Marketing, Branding and Merchandising categories. (For clarity this is categories 14 – 16.)

- **Do not** include company names or logos on floor plans, digital images, or in project descriptions. Any floor plans, digital images or project descriptions in these categories that include company names will not be judged.
- We encourage you to use unique project names not home addresses or street names.

For photo submissions, please use the following format: "CategoryNumber-ProjectName-PhotoNumber". For instance, if your project is entered in category 1 and is named 'Lakeside', your photos should be labelled '01-Lakeside-01', '01-Lakeside-02', etc.

## ENTRY FORM

- Enter the 2025 Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence® online through our website [ohae.chbaco.com](http://ohae.chbaco.com)
- **The online entry form will be live in August 2025.**
- Information given on the entry form will be printed **exactly as submitted** for news releases, newspapers, publications, certificates and trophies. Take extra care to ensure all spelling is correct before you submit each entry. **Do not** use UPPERCASE.
- **Only Member companies may be recognized in the Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence®. Entries must be submitted using the company name listed on the membership. Individuals without their own CHBA-CO membership are no longer eligible for awards recognition by name (ie: Jane Doe of ABC Design)**
- CHBA-CO **will not** make any corrections after the entry has been submitted. Edits can be made by the entrant up to the submission deadline.
- Any member of CHBA-CO in good standing can enter any award category (excluding the Grand Housing Awards, which have additional criteria) but must include the appropriate Permission Form where applicable (i.e. Homeowner Permission Form, Builder Permission Form, and/or Renovator Permission Form). For categories 18 - 25, a Renovator Permission Form must be submitted if the Renovator is not the primary entrant. For categories 14 - 17 and 26 - 37, a Builder Permission Form must be submitted if the Builder or Developer is not the primary entrant. For categories 15, 16, and 18 - 25, the project Designer must be listed in the Designer Credit field if they are a CHBA-CO member. Entrants may also choose to list the same Designer under Associated Companies if they wish to recognize them as a project partner. Should the project be contracted out to a member Builder and/or Renovator, in order for the entry to be accepted, must have the proper Permission Form submitted.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION TEXT BOXES

- Total word count per text box cannot exceed 300 words.
- Bullet form is preferred by the judges.
- Text used to describe the project should **specifically state how it meets the category criteria.**

## DIGITAL SUBMISSION CRITERIA

- Digital images for your submission must be uploaded to the Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence® online entry form's server and **labelled with your unique entry ID number and project name.** This can be done AFTER uploading your photos by renaming the labels.
- You will not be able to upload more than the required number of images requested by each category.

## DIGITAL IMAGE SUBMISSION SPECIFICATIONS

- Exterior, night-time images **will not** be judged. Dusk images are fine (but not recommended) as long as the judges are able to see features of the exterior of the project.
- Images to be saved @ 300DPI which allows for proper optimization for judging, website and gala presentations. 5MB Max file size per photo.
- Save as a **high-quality JPEG** file only. **Do not** submit pdf, tiff, gif, psd or any other file formats.
- **Do not** send re-formatted images that have been cropped and layered with borders or frames.

- All images must be anonymous. Do not include people in your images unless required by the category (This does not apply to “before” images in the renovation categories).
- **Do not** submit black and white or grayscale images, renderings, **virtual staging or digitally or AI enhanced** or high-definition images. This does not apply to categories 12 & 13.
- **Do not** submit black and white “before” images for renovation categories. They will not be judged.

#### **PLANS: Floor, Site, Landscape, etc.**

- Submit simple and easy to read floor plans.
- Floor/Site plans for your submission must be uploaded to the Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence® online entry form’s server as a **PDF** and **labelled with your unique entry ID number and project name**. Floorplans must have all references to entrant and associate companies removed. This includes any identifying marks from the drafting company - absolutely no logos, company names, addresses, or other identifiers should remain on the plans.

#### **JUDGING**

- Each entry will be judged on its own merit, based solely on entry materials provided.
- Entries will be judged by a panel of highly qualified judges from outside of the Okanagan.
- An accounting firm chosen by CHBA-CO will monitor the judging process. No others will be allowed to observe the judging of entries.
- The 2026 Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence® Finalists will be announced in December 2025 at the Builders Ball.
- **Decisions of the Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence® are final.**

#### **CHBA-CO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO**

- Cancel, combine or split any category due to numerous or insufficient number of entries or at the judges’ discretion.
- Withdraw a particular category if all the entries submitted do not meet the criteria or are not of a standard that recognizes excellence.
- Withdraw any entries if they do not meet the criteria or are not of a standard that recognizes excellence.
- Withdraw a particular entry if it does not meet the digital image submission specifications.
- Request any additional information it deems necessary to confirm the information contained in any submission.
- Judges may also re-categorize any entry if, in their opinion, it has been entered in the wrong category, or if it is more appropriate in another category.

#### **RETURN OF ENTRY MATERIAL**

All materials submitted become the sole property of CHBA-CO and the Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence®. CHBA-CO and the Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence® reserve the right to use any or all of these materials for the promotion of the Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence®. Due to the volume of entry materials, we are unable to return any of the materials submitted.

It is important to the integrity of the residential construction industry that all entrants conduct themselves in such a way as to demonstrate good business practices. If it can be demonstrated at any time up to and after the final awarding of the Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence® trophy that there are business practices detrimental to the integrity of the industry, that participant will be disqualified.

The Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence® entrants and participants are required to accept all decisions by CHBA-CO and the Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence® as final and binding.

#### **33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL OKANAGAN HOUSING AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE® GOLD GALA**

The Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence® Gala evening is scheduled for January 31 2026. Tickets can be ordered online in December 2025.

At the awards ceremony, only the winning, primary entrant will receive the Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence® trophy. Associate entrants of finalists and winners can purchase a trophy following the event, provided that they are CHBA-CO members in good standing.

## **2026 OKANAGAN HOUSING AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE® CATEGORIES**

### **Excellence in Interior, Building, and Landscape Design – New Home or Renovation**

1. Kitchen Design - New Home - \$125,000 & Under
2. Kitchen Design - New Home - \$125,000 & Over
3. Primary Suite Design - New Home or Renovation
4. Interior Design - New Home - Under 3,600 Square Feet
5. Interior Design - New Home - Over 3,600 Square Feet
6. Interior Design - Renovation - Under 2,500 Square Feet
7. Interior Design - Renovation - Over 2,500 Square Feet
8. Outdoor Living Space - New Home or Renovation
9. Decorating & Styling - New or Renovation - Under \$75,000
10. Decorating & Styling - New or Renovation - Over \$75,000
11. Creating a Feature/Innovation in a Home - New Home or Renovation
12. Residential Building Design - Construction-Ready - Under 3,600 Square Feet
13. Residential Building Design - Construction-Ready - Over 3,600 Square Feet

### **Excellence in Sales, Marketing & Merchandising**

14. Marketing & Brand Recognition
15. Show Home - \$900,000 & Under
16. Show Home - \$900,000 & Over

### **Excellence in Special Achievement Awards**

17. Public or Private Partnership

### **Excellence in Residential Planning, Design, Construction – Renovation**

18. Creating a Deep Energy Retrofit
19. Residential Renovations \$500,000 & Under
20. Residential Renovations \$500,000 - \$1,000,000
21. Residential Renovations \$1,000,000 & Over
22. Kitchen Renovations \$125,000 & Under
23. Kitchen Renovations \$125,000 & Over
24. Bathroom Renovations \$50,000 & Under
25. Bathroom Renovations \$50,000 & Over

### **Excellence in Residential Planning, Design and Construction – New Home**

26. Single Family Detached Home Under \$750,000
27. Single Family Detached Home \$750,000 - \$1,000,000
28. Single Family Detached Home \$1,000,000 - \$1,500,000
29. Single Family Detached Home \$1,500,000 - \$2,000,000
30. Single Family Detached Home \$2,000,000 - \$3,000,000
31. Single Family Detached Home \$3,000,000 - \$4,000,000
32. Single Family Detached Home \$4,000,000 & Over
33. Semi-Detached or Town-Home Development
34. Creating a Low-Rise Multi-Family Development
35. Creating a Mid-Rise or Multi-Family Development
36. Creating a Hi-Rise Multi-Family Development
37. Urban Infill - Residential - Property Re-Use

### **Grand Housing Awards of Excellence®**

38. Supplier of the Year
39. Trade of the Year
40. Design Firm of the Year
41. Home of the Year
42. Residential Renovator of the Year
43. Multi-Family Builder of the Year
44. Home Builder of the Year Small Volume - 5 Homes or Less
45. Home Builder of the Year Medium Volume - 6 -15 Homes
46. Home Builder of the Year Large Volume - More than 15 Homes
47. Lifetime Achievement

## Excellence in Interior, Building, and Landscape Design – New Home or Renovation

1. Kitchen Design - New Home - \$125,000 & Under

2. Kitchen Design - New Home - \$125,000 & Over

### **Criteria (Categories 1 - 2)**

Entry will be judged on the following criteria:

- Functionality of layout
- Unique design features and elements
- Choice of materials
- Construction details/techniques to achieve industry best practices

### **Requirements (Categories 1 - 2)**

- Completed online entry
- 12 digital images that best represent the project
- Floor and/or site plan
- Completed Homeowner and Builder Permission Form (if applicable)
- Completed Budget sheet (Yellow boxes only)

3. Primary Suite Design - New Home or Renovation

### **Criteria (Category 3)**

Entry will be judged on the following criteria:

- Functionality of layout
- Unique design features and elements
- Choice of materials
- Construction details/techniques to achieve industry best practices

### **Requirements (Category 3)**

- Completed online entry
- 12 digital images that best represent the project (Note before pictures in this category are not required)
- Floor and/or site plan
- Completed Homeowner and Builder Permission Form (if applicable)

4. Interior Design - New Home - Under 3,600 Square Feet

5. Interior Design - New Home - Over 3,600 Square Feet

### **Criteria (Category 4 - 5)**

Entry will be judged on the following criteria:

- Describe how the design elements suit the target audience's lifestyle
- Functional and unique design features
- Choice of materials, colours and textiles
- Lasting impression with design, furniture, accessories and merchandising

### **Requirements (Category 4 - 5)**

- Completed online entry
- 12 digital images that best represent the project
- Floor and/or site plan
- Completed Homeowner and Builder Permission Form (if applicable)

6. Interior Design - Renovation - Under 2,500 Square Feet

7. Interior Design - Renovation - Over 2,500 Square Feet

**Criteria (Category 6 - 7)**

Entry will be judged on the following criteria:

- Describe how the design elements suit the target audience's lifestyle
- Addition of architectural details and unique design features
- Functional improvements (of the layout & design)
- Choice of materials, colours and textiles
- Lasting impression with design, furniture, accessories

**Requirements (Category 6 - 7)**

- Completed online entry
- 14 digital images (4 before / 10 after) that best represent the project
- Floor and/or site plan
- Completed Homeowner and Builder Permission Form (if applicable)

**8. Outdoor Living Space - New Home or Renovation** *The focus is on the finished product; "before" photos are not required. Eligible entries may include multi-family, single-family, and renovation projects, with emphasis on the features that enhance livability.*

**Criteria (Category 8)**

Entry will be judged on the following criteria:

- Functional and unique design features
- Selection and placement of materials
- Addresses the climatic conditions, exposure and limitation
- Success of landscaping as a compliment to the home/development

**Requirements (Category 8)**

- Completed online entry
- 14 digital images that best represent the project
- Floor and/or site plan
- Completed Homeowner and Builder Permission Form (if applicable)

**9. Decorating & Styling - New or Renovation - Under \$75,000** *Can be any room in a home. Must include before and after pictures even if it is a new build. Any projects with virtual staging will not be judged.*

**10. Decorating & Styling - New or Renovation - Over \$75,000** *Can be any room in a home. Must include before and after pictures even if it is a new build. Any projects with virtual staging will not be judged.*

**Criteria (Category 9 - 10)**

Entry will be judged on the following criteria:

- Functionality of layout
- Unique design features and elements
- Choice and implementation of materials, artwork, and furnishings
- Aesthetically pleasing

**Requirements (Category 9 - 10)**

- Completed online entry
- 12 digital images that best represent the project (Must include before and after pictures even if it is a new build)
- Minimum of two (2) before photos
- Floor and/or site plan
- Completed Homeowner and Builder Permission Form (if applicable)
- Completed Budget Sheet

**11. Creating a Feature/Innovation in a Home - New Home or Renovation** *Innovative feature is characterized by the introduction of an inventive feature, space, method, element or product that enhances the residential project or building process and results in a unique effect or feature. This category looks at features, which are seen to be unique and could be applied to other residential projects.*

**Criteria (Category 11)**

Entry will be judged on the following criteria:

- Explain in detail the concept that created the inspiration for this innovative feature
- Unique design elements, functionality and purpose
- Choice of material
- Explain the challenges you were trying to overcome with this innovation

**Requirements (Category 11)**

- Must be Code-Compliant
- Completed online entry
- 12 digital images that best represent the project
- Floor and/or site plan
- Completed Homeowner and Builder Permission Form (if applicable)
- Project Value of Innovative Feature

**12. Residential Building Design – Construction-Ready – Under 3,600 Square feet**

*Recognizes member projects in the conceptual design and planning stage. All projects must be commissioned by a client with the intention to build the submitted proposal. **Entries should be scheduled for construction or under construction, but not substantially complete.** All residential building types are eligible. Square footage is based on living space. Only renderings and technical drawings are accepted for this award (no photos)*

**13. Residential Building Design – Construction-Ready – Over 3,600 Square feet**

*Recognizes member projects in the conceptual design and planning stage. All projects must be commissioned by a client with the intention to build the submitted proposal. **Entries should be scheduled for construction or under construction, but not substantially complete.** All residential building types are eligible. Square footage is based on living space. Only renderings and technical drawings are accepted for this award (no photos).*

**Criteria (Category 12 - 13)**

Entry will be judged on the following criteria:

- Exterior: Architectural detailing & features, curb appeal, choice/use of materials
- Interior: Creative use of space, unique building design features
- Overall: Functionality of floor plan and overall use of space in overall building design
- Client Needs: Ability to take considerations from client lifestyle and incorporate into design

**Requirements (Category 12 - 13)**

- Completed online entry
- 12 digital images that best represent the project – Conceptual only, no final photos
- Technical drawings including site plan, floor plans, sections, elevations and/or model views
- Completed Homeowner and Builder Permission Form (if applicable)

**Excellence in Sales, Marketing & Merchandising**

**14. Marketing & Brand Recognition** *This category is inclusive of all marketing campaigns for example; all print media, logo designs, website design, sales center etc.*

**Criteria (Category 14)**

Entry will be judged on the following criteria:



- Rationale behind project name and identity
- Synergy of identity with key project features
- Overall graphic design
- Execution and consistency across promotional elements
- Appeal to target market and market acceptance
- Results of Campaign

#### **Requirements (Category 14)**

- Completed online entry
- 12 digital images that best represent the project
- If print media is being entered, provide a mounted sample

#### **15. Show Home - \$900,000 & Under**

*Show home must be open a minimum of three (3) days a week either to the public or by appointment with proper signage.*

#### **16. Show Home - \$900,000 & Over**

*Show home must be open a minimum of three (3) days a week either to the public or by appointment with proper signage.*

#### **Criteria (Categories 15 - 16)**

Entry will be judged on the following criteria:

- Functional and unique design features
- Concept, creativity and ability to characterize lifestyle to the target market
- Impact of furniture and accessories
- Signage and landscaping

#### **Requirements (Categories 15 - 16)**

- Completed online entry
- 12 digital images that best represent the project
- Floor and/or site plan
- Completed Budget Sheet

For categories 15, 16, and 18 - 25 the project designer must be listed if they are a CHBA-CO member. (In the Design Credit box)

### **Excellence in Special Achievement Awards**

#### **17. Public or Private Partnership**

*This award recognizes a member whom embraces leadership in fostering cooperation between public and/or private sectors in addressing housing issues. This may include affordable housing, partnerships with government or government entities, or partnerships with non-profits.*

#### **Criteria (Category 17)**

Entry will be judged on the following criteria:

- Leadership in fostering cooperation between public and private sectors in addressing housing issues
- Initiatives taken that promote working relationships between industry members and any level of government or educational facility
- Reduction or streamlining of regulatory processes
- Action plan or strategies taken to improve housing stock
- Initiatives that address growth management and promote higher density housing, Energy Star®, Built Green®, R-2000 or Net Zero housing techniques

#### **Requirements (Category 17)**

- Completed online entry
- 12 digital images that best represent the project
- Floor and/or site plan
- Entry may include a letter of support from the partner entrant
- Completed Homeowner and Builder Permission Form (if applicable)

For categories 15, 16, and 18 - 25 the project designer must be listed if they are a CHBA-CO member. (In the Design Credit box)

## **Excellence in Residential Planning, Design, Construction – Renovation**

### **18. Creating a Deep Energy Retrofit**

*This award recognizes a member whom has completed a deep energy retrofit and improved the home's overall energy efficiency using sustainable and environmentally sensitive materials. **Project must be modelled by a Certified Energy Advisor***

#### **Criteria (Categories 18)**

Entry will be judged on the following criteria:

- Percent-better performance as measured during the before and after process – air change, energuide value etc.
- Sensitivity to site conditions and surrounding environments
- Environmental considerations (energy efficiency, comfort and health)
- Selection of materials and systems to minimize the home's energy consumption
- Client requirements: how were the goals and needs of the client met on this project

#### **Requirements (Category 18)**

- Completed online entry
- 12 digital images that best represent the project
- Floor and/or site plan
- Before and after Energy Advisor report
- Completed Homeowner and Builder Permission Form (if applicable)
- **For Category 18 only:** EnerGuide or comparable labelling program documentation of before and after performance.

For categories 15, 16, and 18 - 25 the project designer must be listed if they are a CHBA-CO member. (In the Design Credit box)

### **19. Residential Renovations \$500,000 & Under**

*The total cost to the client for the renovation, including design fees and all materials, labour supplied by the client and/or subcontractors, professional/municipal fees, and appliances, and excluding GST, must be less than \$500K.*

### **20. Residential Renovations \$500,000 - \$1,000,000**

*The total cost to the client for the renovation, including design fees and all materials, labour supplied by the client and/or subcontractors, professional/municipal fees, and appliances, and excluding GST, must be between \$500K and \$1M.*

**21. Residential Renovations \$1,000,000 & Over** *The total cost to the client for the renovation, including design fees and all materials, labour supplied by the client and/or subcontractors, professional/municipal fees, and appliances, and excluding GST, must be over \$1M.*

#### **Criteria (Categories 19 - 21)**

Entry will be judged on the following criteria:

- Purpose of renovation and construction challenges
- Creative and efficient use of space (including changes to layout)

- Compatibility of existing and/or new materials/elements as well as finishing details (interior & exterior)
- Environmental considerations (energy efficiency, comfort and health)
- Construction details/techniques to achieve industry best practices (addressing challenges)

#### **Requirements (Categories 19 - 21)**

- Completed online entry
- 14 digital images that best represent the project
  - Up to four (4) "Before"
  - Up to ten (10) "After"
- Floor and/or site plan
- Completed Homeowner Permission Form and/or Renovator Permission Form
- Completed Budget Sheet

For categories 15, 16, and 18 - 25 the project designer must be listed if they are a CHBA-CO member. (In the Design Credit box)

**22. Kitchen Renovations \$125,000 & Under** *The total cost to the client for the renovation, including design fees and all materials, labour supplied by the client, subcontractors, professional/municipal fees and appliances, and excluding GST, must be under \$125K.*

**23. Kitchen Renovations \$125,000 & Over** *The total cost to the client for the renovation, including design fees and all materials, labour supplied by the client, subcontractors, professional/municipal fees and appliances, and excluding GST, must be over \$125K.*

#### **Criteria (Categories 22 - 23)**

Entry will be judged on the following criteria:

- Purpose of renovation and construction challenges
- Efficient use of space
- Creativity and finishing details
- Environmental considerations (energy efficiency, comfort and health)
- Construction details/techniques to achieve industry best practices (addressing challenges)

#### **Requirements (Categories 22 - 23)**

- Completed online entry
- 14 digital images that best represent the project
  - Up to four (4) "Before"
  - Up to ten (10) "After"
- Floor and/or site plan
- Completed Homeowner Permission Form and/or Renovator Permission Form
- Completed Budget Sheet

For categories 15, 16, and 18 - 25 the project designer must be listed if they are a CHBA-CO member. (In the Design Credit box)

#### **24. Bathroom Renovations \$50,000 & Under**

*The total cost to the client for the renovation, including design fees and all materials, labour supplied by the client, subcontractors, professional/municipal fees and appliances, and excluding GST, must be under \$50K.*

#### **25. Bathroom Renovations \$50,000 & Over**

*The total cost to the client for the renovation, including design fees and all materials, labour supplied by the client, subcontractors, professional/municipal fees and appliances, and excluding GST, must be over \$50K.*

#### **Criteria (Category 24 - 25)**

Entry will be judged on the following criteria:

- Purpose of renovation and construction challenges
- Efficient use of space
- Creativity and finishing details
- Environmental considerations (energy efficiency, comfort and health)
- Construction details/techniques to achieve industry best practices (addressing challenges)

#### **Requirements (Category 24 - 25)**

- Completed online entry
- 14 digital images that best represent the project
  - Up to four (4) "Before"
  - Up to ten (10) "After"
- Floor and/or site plan
- Completed Homeowner Permission Form and/or Renovator Permission Form
- Completed Budget Sheet
- For categories 15, 16, and 20 - 27 a the project designer must be listed if they are a CHBA-CO member (In Design Credit Box)

### **Excellence in Residential Planning, Design and Construction – New Home**

- 26. Single Family Detached Home Under \$750,000
- 27. Single Family Detached Home \$750,000 - \$1,000,000
- 28. Single Family Detached Home \$1,000,000 - \$1,500,000
- 29. Single Family Detached Home \$1,500,000 - \$2,000,00
- 30. Single Family Detached Home \$2,000,000 - \$3,000,000
- 31. Single Family Detached Home \$3,000,000 - \$4,000,000
- 32. Single Family Detached Home \$4,000,000 & Over

*The square footage of the home includes the main and upper floors but excludes the garage and unfinished basement areas. Categories 26 - 32 may include new forms of housing such as laneway homes, duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes and fee simple strata. The home must be defined as a 'dwelling unit'. Credit will be given for affordable components.*

#### **Criteria (Categories 26 - 32)**

Entry will be judged on the following criteria:

- Exterior: architectural character, curb appeal and integration of the project into its setting
- Interior: creative and innovative use of space including architectural detail and form
- Functionality of floor plan
- Environmental considerations (energy, comfort and health)
- Construction details/techniques and industry best practices (addressing challenges)
- Describe how the design elements suit the target audience's lifestyle

#### **Requirements (Categories 26 - 32 inclusive)**

- Have a BC Housing Licence currently in Good Standing
- Completed online entry
- 12 digital images that best represent the project
  - Two (2) showing exterior
  - Six (6) showing interior
  - Four (4) of your choice
- Floor and/or site plan
- Completed Homeowner Permission Form
- Completed Budget Sheet

### 33 . Semi-Detached or Town-Home Development

*Project is defined as a ground-oriented project in which each unit has a separate entrance. It may include new forms of housing such as row homes. Rental projects are also eligible.*

### 34 . Creating a Low-Rise or Multi-Family Development

*A multi-family low-rise development is defined as a project with a common entrance servicing all units. A low-rise building is less than or equal to **5 storeys in height**. Rental projects are also eligible*

### 35 . Creating a Mid-Rise or Multi-Family Development

*A multi-family mid-rise development is defined as a project with a common entrance servicing all units. A mid-rise building is between **6 and 10 storeys in height**. Rental projects are also eligible.*

### 36 . Creating a High-Rise or Multi-Family Development

*A multi-family high-rise development is defined as a project with a common entrance servicing all units. A high-rise building is considered **10 storeys in height** and over. Rental projects are also eligible.*

### 37 . Urban Infill - Residential - Property Re-Use

*Any type of development which is added to an existing developed property, or on a vacant property in an otherwise developed area. NEW FOR 2026 Must be between 2 - 6 units. Any single-family projects should be submitted under categories 26 - 32; any large multifamily projects should be submitted under categories 33 – 36.*

### Criteria (Categories 33 - 37 inclusive)

Entry will be judged on the following criteria:

- Exterior: architectural character, unique attributes including amenities, green space etc., curb appeal and integration of the project into its setting
- Interior: creative and innovative use of space including architectural detail and form
- Functionality of floor and site plans
- Environmental considerations (energy, comfort and health)
- Construction details/techniques to achieve industry best practices (ie. how project is integrated into the neighborhood, any challenges with zoning or variances, etc)

### Requirements (Categories 33 - 37 inclusive)

- Completed online entry
- 12 digital images that best represent the project
  - Four (4) showing development setting, architectural character, entrance to project, etc.
  - Four (4) showing principal living areas
  - Four (4) of your choice
- Floor and/or site plan

## Grand Housing Awards of Excellence®

### 38. Supplier of the Year

*Entrants in this category must be entered in at least two (2) categories as a lead or as an associate company and are in good standing are eligible for this award. This award will be determined by a local panel of judges and the CHBA-CO Board of Directors based on the submission criteria below.*

### Criteria (Category 38)

Entry will be judged on the following criteria, with a maximum of 300 words.:

- Environmental responsibility and leadership in residential construction (Step Code, Carbon, Efficient Material Usage)
- Industry involvement of the Supplier and support of CHBA-CO initiatives (events, committees, and volunteering with CHBA or otherwise within industry)
- Career development within the organization (Education & Training) and mentoring of staff and new professionals
- Charitable, volunteer, and social contributions to the community
- Additional innovation within the industry

#### **Requirements (Category 38)**

- Completed online entry
- 12 digital images that best represent the entrant based on the judging criteria

#### **39 . Trade of the Year**

*All CHBA-CO trade members who submit for awards or are listed as an associate company in at least two (2) categories and are in good standing are eligible for this award. This award will be determined by a local panel of judges and the CHBA-CO Board of Directors based on the submission criteria below.*

#### **Criteria (Category 39)**

Entry will be judged on the following criteria, with a maximum of 300 words.:

- Environmental responsibility and leadership in residential construction (Step Code, Carbon, Efficient Material Usage)
- Industry involvement of the Trade and support of CHBA-CO initiatives (events, committees, and volunteering with CHBA or otherwise within industry)
- Career development within the organization (Education & Training) and mentoring of staff and new professionals
- Charitable, volunteer, and social contributions to the community
- Additional innovation within the industry

#### **Requirements (Category 39)**

- Completed online entry
- 12 digital images that best represent the entrant based on the judging criteria

#### **40. Design Firm of the Year**

*All CHBA-CO designer members who submit for awards in at least two (2) categories in the following: 1 - 13, 22 - 29, and are in good standing are eligible for this award. For clarity, any member whose primary business is selling products should enter in 'Supplier of the Year'. In addition to the awards submissions, designers will need to submit a written entry based on the criteria below.*

#### **Criteria (Category 40)**

Entry will be judged on the following criteria, with a maximum of 300 words.:

- Quality of submissions in previous categories: The two highest scores in the previous categories will be averaged and applied to the Grand Awards Score.
- Industry involvement support of the CHBA-CO or other industry initiatives (Events and Committee participation - CHBA or Otherwise within the industry.)
- Career development within the organization (Education & Training) and mentoring of staff and new professionals.
- Charitable, volunteer, and social contributions to the community
- Innovation within the industry (Carbon code, Step Code, Implementation of new and innovative technologies or details)

## **Requirements (Category 40)**

- Completed online entry
- 12 digital images that best represent the entrant based on the judging criteria

### **41 . Home of the Year [\(Must be entered by a Builder/Renovator\)](#)**

*Entrants must enter a minimum of two (2) categories in the following: 1 – 11, 15 - 16, and 26 - 37 to be eligible for this Grand Award. This award will be determined by the minimum of two (2) categories entered and the materials submitted.*

## **Criteria (Category 41)**

The following will be judged in addition to the above criteria:

- Exterior: architectural character, unique attributes including amenities, green space etc., curb appeal, and integration of the project into its setting
- Interior: creative and innovative use of space including architectural detail and form
- Functionality of floor plan
- Unique design features and elements
- Environmental considerations including energy efficiency

## **Requirements (Category 41)**

- Completed online entry
- 12 digital images that best represent the entrant based on the judging criteria
- **Floor and/or site plan**
- Completed Budget Sheet

### **42. Residential Renovator of the Year [\(Must be entered by a Renovator\)](#)**

*Entrants must enter a minimum of two (2) categories in the following: 2 - 3, 6 - 11, and 18 - 25 to be eligible for this Grand Award. This award will be determined by the minimum of two (2) categories entered and the materials submitted. Only members listed as a 'renovator' members can enter this award. For clarity, suppliers and design firms are encouraged to enter their specific Grand Award..*

## **Criteria (Category 42)**

The following will be judged in addition to the above criteria:

- Environmental responsibility and support of CHBA's environmental programs
- Industry involvement of the Renovator and support of the CHBA-CO initiatives
- Career development within the organization (Education & Training) including human resource development and training
- Charitable, volunteer, and social contributions to the community
- Innovation within the industry
- Mentoring of new professionals in the industry

## **Requirements (Category 42)**

- Completed online entry
- 12 digital images that best represent the entrant based on the judging criteria

### **43. Multi-Family Builder of the Year [\(Must be entered by a Builder/Developer\)](#)**

*Entrants must enter a minimum of two (2) categories in the following: 1 – 5, 8 – 11, 14 -17 and 33 - 36 to be eligible for this Grand Award. This award will be determined by the minimum of two (2) categories entered and the materials submitted.*

## **Criteria (Category 43)**

The following will be judged in addition to the above criteria:

- Environmental responsibility and support of CHBA's environmental programs



- Industry involvement of the developer and support of the CHBA-CO initiatives
- Career development within the organization (Education & Training) including human resource development and training
- Charitable, volunteer, and social contributions to the community
- Innovation within the industry
- Mentoring of new professionals in the industry

#### **Requirements (Category 43)**

- Completed online entry
- 12 digital images that best represent the entrant based on the judging criteria

#### **44. Home Builder of the Year Small Volume - 5 Homes or Less (Must be entered by a Builder)**

*Entrants must enter a minimum of two (2) categories in the following: 1- 5, 8 - 11, 14 – 17, 26 – 32 and 37 to be eligible for this Grand Award. This award will be determined by the minimum of two (2) categories entered and the materials submitted.*

#### **45 . Home Builder of the Year Medium Volume - 6-15 Homes (Must be entered by a Builder)**

*Entrants must enter a minimum of two (2) categories in the following: 1- 5, 8 - 11, 14 – 17, 26 – 32 and 37 to be eligible for this Grand Award. This award will be determined by the minimum of two (2) categories entered and the materials submitted.*

#### **46 . Home Builder of the Year Large Volume - More than 15 Homes (Must be entered by a Builder)**

*Entrants must enter a minimum of two (2) categories in the following: 1- 5, 8 - 11, 14 – 17, 26 – 32 and 37 to be eligible for this Grand Award. This award will be determined by the minimum of two (2) categories entered and the materials submitted.*

#### **Criteria (Categories 44 – 46)**

The following will be judged in addition to the above criteria:

- Environmental responsibility and support of CHBA's environmental programs
- Industry involvement of the builder and support of the CHBA-CO initiatives
- Career development within the organization (Education & Training) including human resource development and training
- Charitable, volunteer, and social contributions to the community
- Innovation within the industry

#### **Requirements (Categories 44 - 46)**

- Completed online entry
- 12 digital images that best represent the entrant based on the judging criteria



## 2026 Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence® Budget Sheet

This information is only used, if required, by the judges in the category in which it was submitted.

- Please note: any work completed/items purchased (at fair market value) by the client or subcontractor(s) with your company's standard mark-up rate, must be included in the cost. This also applies to any re-used items (for renovations). In summary, what the judges see in the photo must be included on this budget sheet. This is just a working sheet only.

**Please include all budget information on the online form.**

- The cost of land is not considered in any entry.**

• Entry ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

	Description	Total
1	<b>Design</b> <i>Architects, Interior Design, Lighting Design, Cabinet Design, Interior Decorating fees. Include value for in-house services. Architectural Details, Windows &amp; Doors, Ceiling details, Coffers, and similar features. To include all labour &amp; materials.</i>	\$
2	<b>Cabinetry &amp; Millwork</b> <i>Cabinets, Built-ins, Closet Shelving, Doors &amp; Hardware, Wood Railings, Interior Stairs, Trim Work, Wall Finishes, Base, Case. Include installation labour for all listed.</i>	\$
3	<b>Interior Finishes</b> <i>Flooring, Counter top Surfaces, Plumbing Fixtures, Bathroom Accessories, Surface Mounted Light Fixtures, Recessed lighting, Accent lighting, Painting, Specialty Finishes, Splashes, Surrounds, Interior Glass Work, Shower Doors, Mirrors, Fireplaces, Home Automation, Central VAC, Interior Masonry. Include installation labour for all listed.</i>	\$
4	<b>Appliances</b> <i>All Appliances, Range Hood, Cooler Equipment, Steam Generators. Include installation labour for all listed.</i>	\$
5	<b>Consultants</b> <i>Architects, Arborist, Engineering (Structural, Geotechnical, Building Envelope), Environmental, Erosion, Sediment, Survey, Energy Consultant(s)</i>	\$
6	<b>Foundation</b> <i>Concrete Materials (including Patio &amp; Driveways), Damp Proof, Drainage, Concrete Finishing, Flat Work Prep, Foundation Labor, Form Rental, Concrete Pumping, Rebar, Interior Skim coats. Include installation labour for all listed.</i>	\$
7	<b>Framing</b> <i>Framing Labor, Framing Materials, Joists, Beams, Structural Steel, Trusses, Windows, Exterior Door, Patio doors, Garage Doors, Scaffolding. Include installation labour for all listed.</i>	\$
8	<b>Lock Up</b> <i>Plumbing, Heating &amp; Ventilation, Air Conditioning, Elevator, &amp; Lifts, Audio &amp; Video, Electrical, Home Automation, Low Voltage, Security, Central Vac, Roofing, Drywall, Insulation (interior/Exterior). Include installation labour for all listed.</i>	\$
9	<b>Exterior Finishes</b> <i>Soffits, Fascia, Siding, Stucco, Cladding, Awnings, Exterior Painting, Decking, Decking membranes, Exterior Rails &amp; Guards, Gutters &amp; Downpipes, Masonry, Sunroom, Screens, Sunshades, Trellis, Exterior Stairs. Include installation labour for all listed.</i>	\$
10	<b>Landscape</b> <i>Retaining Walls (all types), Machine Work, Soil, Turf, Plantings, Trees, Fences, Pergolas, Courtyards, Pavers, Irrigation &amp; Lighting, Privacy Walls, Pool, Spa, Outdoor Kitchen / Bar. Include installation labour for all listed.</i>	\$
	<b>Total <u>before</u> Taxes</b>	\$
	<b>Categories</b> 1, 2, 9, 10,	
	<b>Categories</b> 15, 16, 19 - 32, 41	

*\*All budgets are for the sole purpose of judging and will not be published*

## 2026 Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence® Homeowner Permission Form

I/We, the undersigned, hereby give our permission to \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of person) of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of company) to enter  
our home in the 2026 Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence® and understand that  
the photos may be used for marketing purposes.

We understand that by providing permission, we are not allowed to revoke  
permission at any point once the waiver has been signed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Homeowner*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Homeowner (print)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Homeowner*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Homeowner (print)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date Signed*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Project as on Entry Form*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Address (will not be published)*

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2026 Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence® Builder/Developer Permission Form

I/We, the undersigned, hereby give our permission to \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of person) of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of company) to enter  
our home in the 2026 Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence® and understand that  
the photos may be used for marketing purposes.

We understand that by providing permission, we are not allowed to revoke  
permission at any point once the waiver has been signed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Builder/Developer*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Builder/Developer (print)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Builder/Developer*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Builder/Developer (print)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date Signed*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Project as on Entry Form*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Address (will not be published)*

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2026 Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence® Renovator Permission Form

I/We, the undersigned, hereby give our permission to \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of person) of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of company) to enter  
our home in the 2026 Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence® and understand that  
the photos may be used for marketing purposes.

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permission at any point once the waiver has been signed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Renovator*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Renovator (print)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Renovator*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Renovator (print)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date Signed*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Project as on Entry Form*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Address (will not be published)*

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_