



2024 REX / T-REX AWARDS

Official Entry Requirements

Application & Submission Deadline: March 12, 2024, 11:59 PM PST

Applications and submissions will not be accepted after this date.

Eligibility

Applicant must be a member in good standing of the of the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties, an active member of the Remodelers Council in good standing and have attended at least two MBAKS events within the last 12 months of the application entry date.

Please email councils@mbaks.com if you are unsure of your membership status or otherwise need assistance. Projects completed after January 1, 2022, and not previously entered in REX are eligible for entry.

Entry Fees & Payment: \$350 per project entry/per category. Included with entry is one (1) general ticket to the event. Entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. Entry and payment constitute your acceptance of the program terms & conditions.

Following submission, you will receive a payment link and other important information via email. Please review these completely and in a timely manner. Online payment is due at the time of entry. Unpaid entries will not be saved.

Evaluation Criteria

The following requirements and evaluation instructions are provided to the judges. Use these as guidelines for your submissions:

Please review and judge each project uniquely on its own merits. Projects within the same category should not be compared. Each of the six judging criteria is assigned a maximum number of 10 points. Please use whole numbers only.

Please make every effort to score each criterion for each project, but if any criterion does not absolutely apply to the project, please leave it blank.

The project in each category with the most points will receive the award. The judges' decisions are final.

Aesthetics – visual appeal

- *Does the remodel look attractive?*
- *Does the craftsmanship look professional?*
- *Special or unique design solutions – space planning, livability*
- *How does creativity work into the remodel?*
- *Is the remodel functional beyond the previous design?*

Quality – special crafting, exceptional features

- *What are the outstanding features of the project?*
- *Is there attention to detail?*
- *Use of appropriate building materials – complements existing structure and design*
- *Did the remodeler use materials that enhance the design?*
- *Were there excess materials?*

Budgetary consideration – solutions to budgetary constraints

- *How did the project keep within the budget and still deliver client expectations?*
- *Were there any measures to cut costs?*

Challenges and obstacles – unique challenges the entrant faced in completing the project

- *Were there any unexpected obstacles that called for adjustments?*
- *Were there unusual circumstances that created additional challenges?*

Project Descriptions

Provide a unique project description for each project you submit. Registrants must submit a unique project description for each category entered.

Limit each description to 400 words (2,500 characters).

If you enter the same project into multiple categories, you must use a different description for each category entered.

Do not include company or client names in your project description or project titles.

It is imperative that your descriptions are complete, correct, and proofread; MBA or Master Builders Association staff will not edit nor amend any descriptions you provide.

Any applications without a description will not be considered for judging.

MBAKS staff may shorten descriptions for use in awards ceremony voice overs, press releases, promotions, and other publicity. The exact descriptions you submit may be read aloud during or pre-recorded for the event. Please ensure your descriptions are correct, typo-free, and accurate.

Recommendation for descriptions:

Project descriptions are used by the judges in evaluating your entry. Keep the judging criteria in mind (see attached). Describe the challenges of the project and the benefits to the homeowner of the results. Outline any features specific to the category you are entering. For example, when applying for the Green Remodel Excellence category, be sure to outline any environmentally friendly features included in the project.

Photography

Use different photos for each submission, specific to the category entered.

- NOTE: If entering the same project in multiple categories your photos must be different for each separate entry.

Exterior photos (at least 1) are required for project(s) that involve an addition.

For each entry, submit no more than 12 photos, including a minimum of:

- Two (2) before photos. Good before photos are essential to illustrate the transformation.
- Two (2) after photos, including one (1) horizontal after photo.
- The first four required photos must be uploaded before additional photo entry fields will appear.

Photos submitted must be high resolution (print quality) as a PNG or JPG file.

All photos are to be single-image (no collages) and in color.

Do not include any form of logo, watermark, or photo credit on your photos.

File names are visible to the judges, so do not include company names, client names, or addresses in your project photo file names.

Any applications that do not meet these photo requirements will not be considered for judging.

Recommendations for submitting your images:

It is important to convey the scope of your project clearly. Create a presentation for the judges to visualize the spirit of the remodel. To best illustrate your project, take before and after photos from the same location and angle. Use a professional photographer. Submit multiple after images showing the remodeled area, as well as close-ups of key features.

When a photo illustrates a special feature or particularly challenging aspect of a project noted in a description, it can be helpful for judges when entrants site the photo # in their project description and/or use photo file names to call out those features or challenges. For example:

- Description: "The homeowner is an avid baker and wanted a large island for kneading dough. To make space and improve flow, walls were removed between the kitchen and dining room and the back of the house was extended." (see photo 2)
- Photo 2: large-bakers-island.png



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL ENTRANTS

You will receive a special email notification if your entry needs additional attention. Please monitor your inbox for these notifications and resolve any issues in a timely manner to ensure your project is considered. We cannot guarantee additional reminders will be sent if you don't take action. If appropriate corrective action is not taken by the submission closing deadline, your entry may be considered abandoned with no refund to entry fees paid.

Floor Plans

Floor plan submission is required for all interior REX categories. For outdoor categories, submit a site layout/plan.

If a before (as-built) floorplan is unavailable, a before picture may be accepted. Please note this in your application form.

For your entry to be judged with a full understanding of the project, submitting a before (as-built) floorplan is highly recommended.

Limit each entry to one "before" plan and one "after" plan. Preferably only one page for each is to be submitted.

Floorplans may be submitted as a PNG, JPG, or PDF file with a maximum file size of 30 MB; PNGs and JPGs are preferred for virtual judging.

Remove client and company names, logos, and addresses from floor plans before submitting, including in floorplan file names.

Project Budget

The Project budget for each REX category is compiled by referencing your total costs billed to the client (homeowner) for their remodel by your company - excluding sales tax, permits, design or architecture fees.

Self-Performed Labor:

- If your project entry is a property that and/or your company owns and labor was self-performed – You must include the costs for your labor in the overall project costs on the application.

Multiple category entries with the same project:

- When entering the same project into multiple REX categories, include only the project cost for the category being entered. Thus, a separate budget is to be calculated for each category you apply the project for. For example, if you are using a major remodel project to enter a kitchen remodel category, use the portion of the project budget that pertains to the kitchen remodel.

Logos

Provide your company logo as a vector file (EPS) or as a high-resolution PNG or JPG file (minimum 1200 pixels tall or wide, at least 150 KB)

NOTE: All Files, All Images - Entry materials will not be returned. Save additional copies for your files.

Trade Partners

REX entrants are asked to identify trades partners, designers, architects, vendors, and/or suppliers to recognize their contributions to your project(s) entry.

Recognition by MBAKS is a member benefit. We encourage you urge all trade partners to join MBAKS to be eligible to receive an award. All trade partners must be members (by April 1, 2024) to receive MBAKS recognition for their work on your project. Exceptions to this policy will not be considered nor granted.

The T-REX recognition and awards event will be held separately this year – time and date to be announced at a later date.

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2024 Categories

Category/Subcategory	Eligibility/Notes
1: Design	
A: Architecture	Open to Architects & Designers
B: Interior Design	
2: Interior/Exterior Details	
A: Less than \$100,000	Open to Remodelers and Designers
B: More than \$100,000	
3: Bath	
A: Less than \$60,000	Open to Remodelers and Designers
B: Less Than \$100,000	
C: \$100,000 to \$200,000	
D: More than \$200,000	
4: Kitchen	
A: Less Than \$80,000	Open to Remodelers and Designers
B: \$80,000 to \$150,000	
C: \$150,000 to \$250,000	
D: More Than \$250,000	
5: Addition	
A: Less Than \$400,000	Open to Remodelers and Designers
B: More Than \$400,000	
6: Outdoor Living	
A: Less than \$300,000	Open to Remodelers and Designers
B: More than \$300,000	
7: Major Remodel	
A: Less Than \$300,000	Open to Remodelers and Designers
B: \$300,000 to \$600,000	
C: \$600,000 to \$900,000	
D: More Than \$900,000	
8: Historical	Open to Remodelers and Designers
9: ADU / DADU	
A: Less than \$300,000	Open to Remodelers
B: More Than \$300,000	
10: Green Remodel	Open to Remodelers and Designers
11: Aging in Place	
A: Less than \$100,000	Open to all – Aging in Place remodels of varying types.
B: More than \$100,000	
12: Getaway Room/Basement	Open to all - Does not include basement ADU, submit in Category #9.
13. Best Small Space Solution	Open to all
14. Most Artistically Aesthetic	Open to all
15. Best Problem Solution	Open to all
16. Best for Entertaining	Open to all
17. Outdoor Solution	Open to all - Landscaping, Decking, Patio, Water Features.
People's Choice	Not for entry - Chosen at event
Best in Show	Not for entry - Determined by scoring

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Understanding the New Categories

Best Small Space Solution	Remodeling or significant improvement to a small space. This space was previously unusable for it's new purpose until the remodel was completed.
Most Artistically Aesthetic	Artistic creativity above and beyond the typical style improvements of a general remodel.
Best Problem Solution	Depends on the challenge: If budget, more for less. If structural obstacle, how was it overcome? There should be a unique problem encountered that required a unique, non-conventional solution.
Best for Entertaining	Above and beyond the outside living space category. This can be in-home movie theater, a formal dining room, front porch remodeled for the purpose of entertaining. Can also apply to a living room transformation with a focus on gatherings and hosting.
Outdoor Solution	Landscaping, Decking, Patio, Water Features - Unique outdoor spaces and design.



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