Green Star Professional Grounds Management Awards 2000

We're searching for the country's Best-Maintained Landscapes 28th Annual Green Star Professional Grounds Management Awards

ou are invited to enter the Green Star Professional Grounds Management Awards, co-sponsored by Landscape Management magazine and the Professional Grounds Management Society.

This annual program recognizes excellence in landscape management and complements other national programs for landscape design and construction Grand and Honor Awards are offered in 13 categories of private, public, commercial and industrial landscapes. To qualify, a landscape must be at least four years old and under continuous maintenance for at least two years. See page 48 for details.

The awards will be presented during the Professional Grounds Management Society Annual Meeting, Nov. 6 in Indianapolis, IN. Several winners will be featured in *Landscape Management* and PGMS Forum.

Entry Categories

1. Small site (budget under \$80,000)

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2. Residential landscape

3. Public works sites (includes

parkways & intersections) 4. Shopping area 5. Hospital or institution 6. Government building or complex

7. Cemetery or memorial park

8. Industrial or office park 9. Park, recreation area or athletic field OR — multiple sites under same management

10. School or university grounds OR urban universities

11. Condominium, apartment complex or planned community

12. Hotel, motel or resort 13. Amusement/theme park.

Judging

A distinguished panel of judges selected by PGMS and Landscape Management determines the winners.

This program aims to:

• Bring national recognition to grounds care.

• Recognize individual efforts leading to high landscape maintenance standards.

• Challenge landscapers to achieve a level of excellence.

Eligibility

An entrant must be professionally engaged in, and responsible for, the maintenance of grounds described in ENTRY CATE-GORIES. Projects for which an entry was submitted in a design or construction award competition are eligible in the Green Star program, even if the project won an award, because maintenance is the criterion upon which an entry is judged.

Grand Award winning projects cannot re-enter this program for two years (1999 Grand Award winning projects are ineligible until 2001).

Any landscape for which the entrant has the main responsibility for maintenance and beautification may be entered. The size of the landscape operating budget is not a criterion for judging. Rather, the judges will consider the quality, challenge and performance in maintenance of the grounds for a period of at least two years.

How to Enter All entries must include:

1. Fifteen (15) color 35mm slides — ten (10) showing the beauty of the total landscape project and five (5) showing the crew at work. DO NOT USE 'POSED' SHOTS. Put a descriptive caption on each slide.

2. Ten (10) 5- by 7-in. color prints — five (5) showing the beauty of the landscape and five (5) showing crew members working in areas that are difficult to maintain. DO NOT USE 'POSED' SHOTS. Label each with a descriptive caption.

Note: Put your best scenes on the slides, which are critical to judging and awards display.

3. One recent photograph of yourself, as the person in charge, working in the landscape.

4. INDIVIDUALLY LABEL all slides and photographs with the name of the entrant and the site. DO NOT USE TAPE to mount — put in plastic or metal mounts.

5. Include a brief description of the site.

6. All entries must contain a COVER LETTER releasing the material for publication at the discretion of Landscape Management magazine. All entries become the property of the sponsors and may be published in Landscape Management magazine or used for other purposes the magazine deems appropriate. NO MATERIALS WILL BE RE-TURNED.

7. Enclose a check for the ENTRY FEE: \$125 for members of PGMS or \$180 for nonmembers. To qualify, all elements of the entry must be COMPLETE in one mailing envelope, including entry fee.

Deadline

The deadline for entries is Aug. 4, 2000. All entries must be submitted to the Green Star Professional Grounds Management Awards, c/o Professional Grounds Management Society, 120 Cockeysville Road, Suite 104, Hunt Valley, MD 21030.