



NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

USGBC NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION COMMUNITY LEADER AWARDS

2022 Call for Nominations

USGBC National Capital Region (USGBC NCR) is now accepting nominations for their 2022 Community Leader Awards. These prestigious awards celebrate excellence in high-performance, healthy design and building, environmental stewardship, and community impact, and serve to highlight the green building initiatives of USGBC NCR community projects, businesses and local members. They recognize building owners and project teams for their extra effort to accomplish LEED certification for their buildings, and they honor the people who are working to create better buildings and better lives for all in the DC metro area.

Award winners will be announced and honored at the [A Midsummer Night's Green](#) celebration, which will take place in person in the DC metro area in July 2022.

Project Awards

Project teams with buildings that received a LEED certification between January 1, 2020 and May 16, 2022 may apply for consideration in the categories below. Projects must be located in USGBC NCR community territory (see explanation below). Projects that have won a USGBC NCR Community Leader Award in 2020 or 2021 are not eligible to apply in the category that they previously won, but are welcome to apply in another category.

There is a \$130 application fee for USGBC NCR project awards, which should be paid via [this website](#). Use the password *NCRAwards22* to access the page. Project Award applications will not be considered complete until the application fee is paid.

Application deadline: May 17, 2022, at 5 pm ET*

****Note on deadline extensions: For an additional \$75 fee, applicants may take an extra week to submit their application. The extended deadline closes May 24, 2022, at 5 pm ET. NO ADDITIONAL DEADLINE EXTENSIONS WILL BE MADE.***

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- **Innovative Project, New Construction:** For LEED certified BD+C projects that demonstrate use of new technologies and strategies to push the envelope of green design and meet project challenges in an innovative way.
- **Innovative Project, Interiors:** For LEED certified ID+C projects that demonstrate use of new technologies and strategies to push the envelope of green design and meet project challenges in an innovative way.

- **Innovative Project, Existing Building Performance:** For LEED certified Existing Buildings Operations and Maintenance projects that demonstrate significant achievements in building performance or occupant satisfaction through the implementation of healthy and sustainable operations and maintenance solutions, policies, practices and technologies.
- **Innovative Project, Residential:** For LEED certified residential projects (inclusive of single-family homes and low/mid/high-rise multifamily or mixed-use projects) that demonstrate use of new technologies and strategies to push the envelope of green design and meet project challenges in an innovative way.
- **Innovative Project, Neighborhood Development** - Applies to projects certified under the USGBC's Neighborhood Development rating system, including new land development projects or redevelopment projects containing residential uses, nonresidential uses, or a mix.
- **Innovative Project, Health and Wellness in the Built Environment:** For projects that have demonstrated advanced commitment to health and wellness in the built environment. Projects must be certified under the LEED or WELL rating systems or utilizing Arc Re-entry to apply in this category.
- **Climate Champion:** For LEED or LEED Zero certified projects that demonstrate advanced design solutions or approaches to addressing climate change through carbon tracking and reduction technologies and/or strategies. Examples include achieving LEED Zero Energy or Carbon, achievement of LEED LCA credits, or otherwise demonstrating carbon savings in operations through the Arc platform.
- **Green Schools Award:** For a LEED certified K-12 school OR certified higher education buildings that demonstrates sustainable leadership in design, facility operations, and student & community engagement.
- **Rise to the Challenge Award:** For existing building projects that overcame significant obstacles to major building renovations, or otherwise implemented innovative technologies or operating strategies. Challenges may have included renovating affordable housing projects, historic preservation, large or campus scale projects, or community owned projects that had significant limitations (cost or other). *Projects eligible in this are certified under LEED OR any GBCI third party green building rating system, such as: SITES (Sustainable Sites Initiative), PEER, TRUE or Parksmart, OR are utilizing Arc for performance tracking without certification.*
- **Judge's Choice Award:** This award may be given at the discretion of our judging panel to a project deserving special recognition for demonstrating exception performance or community impact. All submitted projects are eligible for this award, which cannot be individually applied for. Projects recognized in this category cannot win in any other category, with exception of the People's Choice award.
- **People's Choice Award:** All projects that apply for a USGBC NCR Community Leader Award in a category above may also choose to be considered in this category by indicating you wish to participate in the People's Choice Award on our application and submitting additional materials. Projects cannot be submitted to the People's Choice category without also being submitted for another Project Award. The winner will be selected by attendee vote at our annual A Midsummer Night's Green awards celebration, which will take place in person in July 2022.

To participate in the People's Choice competition, nominees must create a poster, using our template linked below, and bring the poster to A Midsummer Night's Green in July. We also encourage, but do not require, People's Choice nominees to update their [USGBC project profile](#). Project profiles will be linked on [our website](#) and provide you with an additional opportunity to promote your project. Directions on how to update your project profile can be found [here](#). Note the process can take 8-10 business days, so we invite you to submit your updates as soon as possible.

All poster content needs to be on one side and should be large enough to read from about a foot away. We require using eco-friendly printing on recyclable poster board and mounting methods.

Visit [this folder](#) to download the complete poster design template file. Note, you must download and save the template to your computer in order to edit.

Individual & Organizational Awards

Individual & Organizational Awards will be selected by our Market Leadership Advisory Board (MLAB) members to honor an organization and/or a community volunteer(s) who have gone above and beyond in their support of USGBC and advancing green building in the National Capital Region. Awards may be given in the four categories below. Winners will be announced and honored at A Midsummer Night's Green.

- Leadership in Sustainable Business Practices in the USGBC NCR Community
- Excellence in Advancing Health & Wellness in the Built Environment in the USGBC NCR Community
- USGBC NCR Volunteer Leadership Award
- Excellence in Government, Advocacy, or Policy in the USGBC NCR Community

[APPLY FOR A 2022 USGBC NCR COMMUNITY LEADER AWARD](#)

Nominations are due by May 17, 2022, at 5 pm ET. Qualified applications will be reviewed by a panel of USGBC members and green building experts. Award finalists will be notified by mid-June and award winners will be announced and honored at the [A Midsummer Night's Green](#) celebration, which will take place in person in the DC metro area in July 2022.

For more information about USGBC NCR please visit the USGBC NCR website at <https://www.usgbc.org/chapters/usgbc-national-capital-region>. For more information on A Midsummer Night's Green, visit our event website at <https://www.amidsummernightsgreen.com/>. For questions about the awards nomination process, please contact Jennie Wellman-Andryuk at jwellman@usgbc.org.

USGBC NCR Community Territory

USGBC NCR serves the District of Columbia; Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland; and northern Virginia, including the following counties: Frederick, Loudon, Shenandoah, Prince William, Stafford, Fairfax, and Arlington. Visit [this page](#) for further explanation.

Projects in Maryland or Virginia not in one of the beforementioned counties should apply for a USGBC Maryland or USGBC Virginia Community Leader Award. The deadline to apply for a 2022 USGBC Maryland award closes on April 18, with an extension available to April 25. Please [sign up for the USGBC Maryland newsletter](#) to be informed when the 2023 call for nominations is available. The 2022 USGBC Virginia awards call for nominations will open in late summer or early fall of 2022. Please [sign up for the USGBC Virginia newsletter](#) to be informed when that call opens.

Please contact [Jennie Wellman-Andryuk](#) if you have questions about which community award program you should apply to.

Application Question Preview – [please apply online](#) by May 17, 2022.

NOTE: ALL AWARD CATEGORIES REQUIRE PROJECT IMAGES. You may submit up to **SIX IMAGES** total. The second page of the application will allow you to upload your images as six different files of up to 10 MB each. You may choose to combine images into a single file, as long as it is under the 10 MB limit. If your file contains multiple images, each image counts as one. Please do not submit large portfolios or marketing brochures. Only six images will be passed on to the judges.

Files may be PDFs, PNGs, or JPEGs. Captions are allowed by not required. Images will be shared electronically with the judges. There are no resolution requirements.

Innovative Project – New Construction, Interiors, Existing Building Performance, Residential, and Neighborhood Development:

- Link to your project's listing on USGBC.org - available at <http://www.usgbc.org/projects>
- List the organizations involved in the project team and their role.
- Provide a brief description of the project scope and goals. (200 word limit)
- Share a list of sustainable strategies used in the project, and why they were selected (300 word limit)
- List any challenges faced by the project team, and how they were addressed. (300 word limit)
- Provide any available performance data (energy usage, cost savings, energy model results, waste diversion rates, water usage rates, IEQ information, etc.) that demonstrates success of the strategies and systems used. (500 word limit) On the second page of the application, you will be able to upload supporting documentation.

Innovative Project – Health and Wellness in the Built Environment

- Link to your project's listing on USGBC.org - available at <http://www.usgbc.org/projects> – and/or WELL scorecard and/or Arc project number
- List the organizations involved in the project team and their role.
- Provide a brief description of the project scope and goals. (200 word limit)
- Share a list of strategies used to promote sustainability, health and wellness in the project, and why they were selected. (300 word limit)
- List any challenges faced by the project team, and how they were addressed. (300 word limit)
- Provide any available performance data (energy usage, cost savings, energy model results, waste diversion rates, water usage rates, IEQ information, etc.) that demonstrates success of the strategies and systems used. (500 word limit) On the second page of the application, you will be able to upload supporting documentation.

Climate Champion:

- Link to your project's listing on USGBC.org - available at <http://www.usgbc.org/projects> – and/or Arc project number
- List the organizations involved in the project team and their role.
- Provide a brief description of the project scope and goals. (200 word limit)
- Share a list of LEED credits pursued or carbon reduction sustainable strategies used in the project, and why they were selected. (300 word limit)
- List any challenges faced by the project team, and how they were addressed. (300 word limit)
- Provide any available performance data (energy usage, cost savings, energy model results, waste diversion rates, water usage rates, IEQ information, etc.) that demonstrates success of the strategies and systems used. (500 word limit) On the second page of the application, you will be able to upload supporting documentation.

Green Schools Award:

- Link to your project's listing on USGBC.org - available at <http://www.usgbc.org/projects>
- List the organizations involved in the project team and their role.
- Provide a brief description of the project scope and goals. (200 word limit)

- Share a list of sustainable strategies used in the project, and why they were selected. Explain how students, staff, and the greater school community are engaged in these strategies. (300 word limit)
- List any challenges faced by the project team, and how they were addressed. (300 word limit)
- Provide any available performance data (energy usage, cost savings, energy model results, waste diversion rates, water usage rates, IEQ information, etc.) that demonstrates success of the strategies and systems used. (500 word limit) On the second page of the application, you will be able to upload supporting documentation.
- Include information as to how students and the greater school community access and utilize the performance data described above, if applicable. (100 word limit)

Rise to the Challenge Award:

- Link to your project's listing on USGBC.org - available at <http://www.usgbc.org/projects> – and/or Arc project number and/or other GBCI third party rating system equivalent as available
- List the organizations involved in the project team and their role.
- Provide a brief description of the project scope and goals. (200 word limit)
- Share a list of sustainable strategies used in the project, and why they were selected. (300 word limit)
- List any challenges faced by the project team, and how they were addressed. (300 word limit)
- Provide any available performance data (energy usage, cost savings, energy model results, waste diversion rates, water usage rates, IEQ information, etc.) that demonstrates success of the strategies and systems used. (500 word limit) On the second page of the application, you will be able to upload supporting documentation.

Please contact Jennifer Wellman-Andryuk (jwellman@usgbc.org) with questions.