



2024 Alexandria Beautification Awards Criteria

Criteria Applicable to ALL Nominees and Awards

- 🌳 For all awards, judging is limited to properties visible to the public right of way.
- 🌳 Properties that have won an award within the last five (5) years are ineligible.
- 🌳 Individuals and firms may win multiple times within five years for **different** properties.
- 🌳 Properties that are listed for sale are not eligible.
- 🌳 Properties with substantial Beautification Commission or Commissioner involvement are not eligible.
- 🌳 Properties are judged on design, sustainability, maintenance, neighborhood context, and use of native plant materials (as applicable).
- 🌳 Beautification Commission members make the final decisions on all award recipients.
- 🌳 For each nomination, on the online form, please provide a short description of the property, noting the award criteria and why the property is being nominated for the award.
- 🌳 Where applicable, utilization of sustainable design or approaches should be considered, such as using renewable energy, rainwater capture or filtering, use of native, non-invasive plants and natural materials, permeable walkways, no-mow lawns, contribution to tree canopy, improvements to community spaces, etc.
- 🌳 Where applicable, green practices should be considered, including recycling, composting, mulch, water treatments, etc.



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Award Categories and Criteria

Award for Excellence in Architecture

Three awards (one each from East, Central, and West)

🌳 Awarded for significant building construction, additions, and improvements.

🌳 Awarded for private or public historical building property renovations and restorations.

🌳 Must be completed or substantially completed at the time of nomination or up to 5 years prior.

🌳 Residential, commercial, and public properties.

🌳 Criteria for judging to include improvement in aesthetics achieved through novel or creative architectural design, historical restoration, or demonstrated commitment to the art of architecture.

Community Beautification Award

Three awards (one each from East, Central, and West)

🌳 Awarded for recognition of public properties or individual or group activities or efforts that promote beautification in the community.

🌳 Judging is limited to the property visible to the public right of way.

🌳 Examples include cleanups, invasive plant removal, public parks, or other public properties that contribute to the beautification of the City through landscaping, architecture, or environmentally sustainable practices.

Residential Beautification Award

Nine awards (three each from East, Central, and West)

🌳 Award recognizes homes and residential communities that contribute to the beautification of the City through landscaping and architecture.

🌳 Criteria for judging include plant materials, design, architecture, the inclusion of environmentally sustainable practices, maintenance, and neighborhood context.



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Commercial Beautification Award

Up to four awards (East, Central, West)

🌳 Award recognizes commercial properties that contribute to the beautification of the City through landscaping and architecture.

🌳 Criteria for judging to include plant materials, design, architecture, the inclusion of environmentally sustainable practices, maintenance, and neighborhood context.