



37th Annual Grounds Management Awards

You are invited to enter the **37th Annual Grounds Management Green Star Awards** program sponsored by the **Professional Grounds Management Society (PGMS)**.

This program salutes the grounds superintendent responsible for maintaining a well-manicured landscape year round in 15 different categories.



HOW TO ENTER

All Entries MUST Include:

1. A PowerPoint presentation featuring **26** digital photos, shot with a three megapixel digital camera or higher (please set camera settings to largest photo size) - **15** photos showing the overall beauty of the total landscape project, **5** photos showing your crew at work, **5** photos showing challenges you face in maintaining your site and **1** photo of yourself as the person in charge is **REQUIRED**. Entries containing less than, or more than, **26** digital photos will be **REJECTED**.
2. Furnish a descriptive caption for digital photos in the powerpoint presentation in the order of which they were submitted. **DO NOT USE POSED SHOTS. DO NOT USE ENHANCED OR ALTERED PHOTOS.**
3. Send three CDs of your digital photos entry. **Two discs** should feature the PowerPoint presentation and **1 disc** should just include the 26 digital photos as .jpg or .tiff files with a 300 dpi resolution.
4. All entries must include a COVER LETTER releasing the material for publication at the discretion of PGMS or use for other purposes as deemed appropriate by PGMS.
5. Enclose a check for the ENTRY FEE: \$150 for PGMS members or \$225 for others. For a reduced rate of \$275, non-members may join PGMS and enter the contest. There is no limit to the number of categories an organization may enter. Each entry, accompanied by the entry fee, must be sent in a separate envelope.
6. If you have any questions call 410-223-2861, e-mail PGMS@assnhqtrs.com, or visit www.PGMS.org.
7. Entries must be received no later than Friday, August 7, 2009.

AWARDS

There will be two classes of awards: Grand Awards and Honor Awards. The judges may grant as many Grand and Honor Awards as deemed deserving and may also decide no entries are deserving in a given category. Awards will be presented during the PGMS School of Professional Grounds Management held in conjunction with the 2009 GIE+EXPO in Louisville, Ky., from October 28-31, 2009.

ELIGIBILITY

An entrant must be professionally engaged in, and responsible for, the maintenance of grounds described in entry CATEGORIES. Projects for which any entry was submitted in a design or construction award

ENTRY CATEGORIES

- 1: **Small Site** (commercial or primary work site with a budget under \$80,000)
- 2: **Residential Landscape** (single residence or estate owner)
- 3: **Public Works Site** (includes parkways, greenways, and intersections)
- 4: **Shopping Area**
- 5: **Hospital or Institution**
- 6: **Government Building or Complex**
- 7: **Cemetery or Memorial Park**
- 8: **Industrial, Commercial Site, or Office Park**
- 9: **Park, Recreation Area, or Playground**
- 10: **Multiple Sites under Management Company**
- 11: **Condominium or Apartment Complex**
- 12: **Hotel, Motel, or Resort**
- 13: **Amusement Park, Theme Park, or Zoo**
- 14: **A) Athletic Fields** - baseball, football, lacrosse, soccer (high school, collegiate, semi-pro)
B) Professional Fields - baseball, football, soccer, tennis
C) Golf Course
- 15: **A) School Grounds** (kindergarten - high school, technical school, community colleges)
B) University and College Grounds
C) Urban University Grounds

competition are eligible in the PGMS Green Star Awards, even if the project won an award, because maintenance is the criterion upon which an entry is judged in this award program.

Grand Award-winning projects are ineligible to re-enter the program for a period of two years. For example, 2007 Grand Award-winning projects are ineligible until 2010.

Any size landscape for which the entrant has the main responsibility for the maintenance and beauty may be entered. The judges will consider the quality, challenge, operating budget, and performance in maintenance of grounds for a period of at least two years, beginning at least two years after construction.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT PGMS ONLINE AT: www.PGMS.org/greenstars

2009 Grounds Management Green Star Awards

Official Entry Form and Fact Sheet

Please PRINT CLEARLY or type the information requested below. Check for accuracy. This information will be used for publicity purchases and awards. Each entry **must** include this completed form and the entry fee: PGMS members \$150; combination PGMS membership and entry fee - \$275; nonmembers - \$225. Please make checks payable to Professional Grounds Management Society.

Send complete entry and fee to:
Grounds Management Green Star Awards
Professional Grounds Management Society
720 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21230
Phone: (410) 223-2861

Name of site: _____
(Name to be used on plaque)

State: _____ Entry Category#: _____

Name of company or agency owning this landscape:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature of the company or agency official
consenting to this entry and a release for publicity:

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Who is responsible for maintaining this landscape?

In-house staff Outside contractor

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Year site was built: _____

Years I have maintained this site: _____

Total Acres Maintained

Acres of turf: _____

Acres of display beds: _____

Total paved area: _____

Number of Employees

Full time (year round): _____ Seasonal: _____

Other (please specify): _____

Licensed Pesticide Applicators: _____

Total labor hrs per week: _____

Annual expenditures: _____

Total budget for this site including salaries:

Equipment: _____

Chemicals and fertilizers: _____

Seed and plant material: _____

Special maintenance challenges:

Special projects completed in the last two years:

If selected as a winner, I request that the Award read:

Name of Site: _____
(please print)

Important: please provide the name of the person who will be accepting the award at the banquet:

(please print)

I certify that all of the information provided on this form and in the accompanying entry is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that no materials will be returned and that all material may be used for publication by PGMS or for other purposes deemed appropriate. I also certify that all photographic images are true representations of the site and have not been altered in any way. I understand that any award submissions that the judges have determined to be altered will be returned to the entrant and the entry will be deemed ineligible. ***I further understand that all decisions of the judges are final.***

(Signature of entrant)

Date

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY
AUGUST 7, 2009**