



2019 StairCraft Awards Competition Rules

PURPOSE

To recognize the individual achievements of the members of the SMA; to elevate industry standards of aesthetic value, stair safety, quality of workmanship and technical achievement; and to promote to the public the value of utilizing the experience and products of SMA members.

ENTRY

DEADLINE & REGISTRATION FEE

All 2019 entrants must register online at www.stairways.org and pay the \$250 entry fee no later than February 22, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time. An early entry fee discount of \$50 will be offered until January 10, 2019. The entry fee covers submissions to all categories. The entry form and photos must be submitted NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 28, 2019.

CONTEST CATEGORIES

Best Stair Part

Best Balustrade

Best Straight Stairway (Traditional /Classical)

Best Straight Stairway (Modern/Freeform)

Best Curved Stairway (Traditional/Classical)

Best Curved Stairway (Modern/Freeform)

Best Spiral Stairway

Best Ships Ladder

CONTEST CATEGORIES

Best Alternating Tread Device

Most Unique Stairway

Best Stairway Renovation (Small "Before" Picture Required)

Best Stairway from Stock Components

Best Straight Commercial Stairway (IBC Non-Residential)

Best Curved Commercial Stairway (IBC Non-Residential)

Best Stairway Model for Production

JUDGMENT CRITERIA

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| 1) Aesthetic Value | 3) Quality of Workmanship |
| 2) Stair Safety | 4) Technical Challenge |

A short statement of how the project demonstrates excellence worthy of a StairCraft Award in each of the judgment criteria is mandatory.



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ELIGIBILITY

All SMA member companies in good standing may enter. Joint entries (two or more cooperating firms) are permitted for all categories if all are members and contributed to the project. Member companies may submit up to one entry in four different categories.

Violation of the rules or misrepresentation of a product or company as the responsible principal producer/stairbuilder/installer/manufacture shall be cause for disqualification from the contest and may be a violation of the SMA's Code of Conduct and Ethics.

Project must have been completed within three years of entry deadline date and submitter must be the principal producer/stairbuilder/installer/manufacture of the product as it relates to the category.

Projects submitted in previous years may be resubmitted in an alternate category, as applicable, but may not be resubmitted for consideration in a category in which it has already competed.

Members may compete in as many categories as they choose, however:

- No project can be submitted in more than one category in the same year
- Stairways that contain *stairs* with curved and straight segments must be entered as curved stairways

All stairways and balustrades must be in compliance with the building code in effect in the jurisdiction as applicable to the completed project. Residential Spiral Stairways however shall be qualified for the category based on the IRC 2015 definition of Spiral Stairways.

Anonymity of contestants is requested until the election is closed. For judging purposes only a number will identify entries. Publicizing a company's entry identity for the purpose of gaining an advantage in the elections may result in disqualification.

Following the close of all elections the entrants will be identified.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

All entries must be submitted complete and in accordance with the submission instructions on the entry form or may be returned for resubmission. No entry fees will be refunded unless the entry is withdrawn within 3 days of the final entry closing date.

Descriptive submission is *mandatory* – A description of each judgment criteria, not to exceed 35 words, must be provided.

All submissions become the property of the SMA and may be used for any purposes as determined by the association for promotion of the association.

[All entrants must bring a copy of their large 8x10 photo entry for display at the Annual Conference prior to the Awards Presentation.](#)



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CONTEST ADMINISTRATION

All entries will be posted online in a uniform way for judgment by member peers. SMA member companies will be granted one vote in each contest category. SMA Staff will administer the contest and tally ballots. Ballots for all entries shall first be based on the entry being worthy of the award. Voters will be directed to vote for the best entry if more than one is worthy. This could result in some awards not being recognized, to preserve the integrity of the StairCraft Awards. There must be at least two contestants within an award category to get on the ballot. When this condition is not met the entry will be held until the following year's competition without further fee for the entry in that category provided the participant is still a member in good standing.

The SMA Board of Directors shall decide issues not covered by the rules with respect to the integrity, fairness and prestige of the contest for the SMA and its members. All rulings of the Board of Directors, when appropriate, will be posted on the website or announced prior to the judging.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Participants and recipients will be announced and the official presentation will take place during the SMA Annual Conference Awards Banquet. The Annual Conference will be held in Sarasota, Florida at the Lido Beach Resort, April 24-28, 2019.

AN EMPLOYEE, OFFICER OR OWNER OF THE COMPANY MUST BE REGISTERED AT THE CONFERENCE AND BE PRESENT AT THE OFFICIAL PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO ACCEPT THE AWARD. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

****DO NOT ENTER IF YOU CANNOT SEND A DELEGATE TO THE CONFERENCE.****

AWARD RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The winning member company will proudly display the award in their place of business. A winning member company will proudly display "SMA StairCraft Award Winner, year, category" only during its term of membership in the SMA. Winning members will have the opportunity to give a short "How We Did It" presentation prior to the awards presentation the following year.

CONTEST PRIZE

Award winners will be presented with an award plaque to proudly display the company's excellence in achievement.

SMA will publish the award-winning projects in the SMA newsletter, feature them in press releases, and post them on the SMA website until the next year's recipients are selected. After that, winning member companies will be listed as past award recipients with year and category. Winning entries for the current year will be prominently displayed as 2019 SMA StairCraft Awards winners on the SMA website.