# MARKETING & PERSONAL EXCELLENCE ENTRY PACKET

This year we are continuing with the online submission format, and we have made it even simpler for you!! Please let us know if you have any questions or problems with the online form submission. The judging criteria has been further updated and refreshed, so please read through completely before starting your submission. All judging criteria will be answered in the online bulleted format instead of an entry statement unless otherwise noted. This will create a more concise and level judging platform. All entries must be submitted electronically.

#### Deadline

All entries must be submitted online no later than 5 p.m. on January 31, 2023. After this time, entries are subject to a \$25 late fee per entry. No entries will be accepted after Feb 3, 2023.

# Cost

There will be an \$85 Application fee for all entries in addition to the entry fee. This is a one time fee no matter how many entries you have.

The entry fee for a Marketing Excellence Award submission is \$100 per entry before 1/13/23, and \$125 between 1/14/23 – 1/31/23. No refunds will be given.

The entry fee for a Personal Excellence Award submission is \$50 per entry before 1/13/23 and \$75 per entry between 1/14/23 and 1/31/23. No refunds will be given.

#### **Eligibility**

- Your employer must be a member in good standing of the Home Building Association of Richmond.
- Entries are based on 2022 marketing/actual projects unless otherwise noted.

#### **Submission Instructions:**

At the end of this packet will be your entry form. Please fill it out completely and send it via email to Shannon, <a href="mailto:samerson@hbar.org">samerson@hbar.org</a>. You will need to check each category award that you want to enter. You will receive an email invitation for each online form, for each category you are entering. The email will have a link to the form submission, so please save the email in case you need to edit your form at any point before the time frame closes. If you have any questions please email <a href="mailto:samerson@hbar.org">samerson@hbar.org</a> or call 804-263-0302 as soon as possible so you do not miss the entry deadline.

#### Judging

All Marketing Excellence Award submissions are judged. HBAR reserves the right to eliminate any category due to insufficient entries or where the quality of work does not warrant a winner. HBAR also reserves the right to combine or expand categories based on number of entries received. There are no ties in a category. A definitive winner will be picked by the judges.

Each category has its own judging criteria that can be found in the description of each award. You will need to enter your judging highlights into a bulleted description for each submission form in the appropriate area aligning with each judging criteria.

#### MARKETING EXCELLENCE AWARDS CATEGORIES 1 – 18

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#### 1. Best Print Advertisement

- a. Company
- b. Community (may include multiple communities within one ad)

Entry will be judged on concept, creativity, copy, overall design, and execution and continuity. Includes newspaper, magazine or print media, and submission is for any size and must be color.

<u>Judging Criteria</u> Concept Creativity/Overall Design

Copy Execution/Continuity

#### 2. Best Video / Best Virtual Tour

Entry will be judged on originality, concept and execution of the piece as it relates to specified target market.

<u>Judging Criteria</u> Originality Concept Execution

#### 3. Best Website

- a. Company
- b. Community

Entry will be judged based on quality of design, ease of obtaining information and organization of message.

<u>Judging Criteria</u> Design Layout

Content Execution

# 4. Best Digital Advertisement

Entry will be judged on concept, creativity, overall design, and execution and continuity.

<u>Judging Criteria</u> Concept Creativity/Overall Design

Execution/Continuity Conversion Rate

#### 5. Best Social Media

- a. Company
- b. Community

Entry will be judged on concept, creativity, copy, and execution. (Social media, eblasts, blogs, online PR)

Judging Criteria Concept Creativity

Copy Execution/Continuity

## 6. Best Special Promotion

Pre-Sale, Grand Opening or other Limited Campaign

(a) Consumer / Public (b) Brokerage / Agents

Entry will be judged on creativity, design and success of materials developed to gain product interest, including a series of ads, print and electronic media, social media, and/or billboards.

<u>Judging Criteria</u> Creativity Design Outcome

# 7. Best Advertising Campaign

- a. Company
- b. Community

Entry will be judged on creativity, design and success of materials developed to gain product interest. Includes ads on TV, radio, print, electronic media and billboards.

<u>Judging Criteria</u> Creativity Design Outcome

## 8. Best Marketing Campaign During a Pandemic (most creative pandemic campaign)

- a. Company
- b. Community

Entry will be judged on creativity, design and success of materials developed to gain product interest. Includes ads on TV, radio, print, electronic media and billboards.

<u>Judging Criteria</u> Creativity Design Outcome

## **9. Best Community Spirit** (community service or charitable project)

All Community Spirit entries will receive recognition if submission requirements are met.

<u>Judging Criteria</u> Originality Concept Execution

#### **10. Best Vendor Showroom** (Associate members; builders are a separate category)

<u>Judging Criteria</u> Functionality of Layout/Set-up Visual Appeal

Use of Merchandising Range of Selections

# 11. Best Community Amenity

Facility must have been completed between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022

<u>Judging Criteria</u> Functionality of Layout/Set-up Visual Appeal of Displays Effectiveness towards Residents Use of Merchandising

12. Best Marketed Community

a. Development of 100 or less home sites

b. Development of 101 to 250 home sites

c. Development of 251 to 500 home sites

d. Development of 500+ home sites

**Judging Criteria** Marketing Collateral

> Special Events Signage

Landscaping **Advertising Campaigns** 

Sales Promotions

13. Community of the Year

a. Development of 100 or less home sites

b. Development of 101 to 250 home sites

c. Development of 251 to 500 home sites

d. Development of 500+ home sites

**Judging Criteria** 

Use of Land & Environment Amenities Architecture Sales Promotions Landscaping Signage

14. Developer of the Year – Awarded to a developer that has made the most significant contributions to the real estate development industry based on the past calendar year. Previous winners are ineligible for one year.

**Judging Criteria** 

Industry Involvement Product Development

Land Planning Advertising

**General Broker Relations** Sales and Marketing Team Relationships

Team Relationships Company Philosophy

Number of Communities Developed Overall

Number of Lots Developed Overall **Buyer Relations** Percent of Market Share in Given Price Range Merchandising

Number of Years in Home Building Industry

15. Best Design Center (builder)

Functionality of Layout/Set-up Visual Appeal **Judging Criteria** 

> Use of Merchandising Range of Selections

#### 16. Best Model Home

#### **Townhome/ Condominium**

1. Under \$350,000 2. \$350,000-\$500,000 3. \$500,001-\$700,000

4. \$700,001-\$900,000 5. Over \$900,000

#### Single Family Detached

1. Under \$350,000 2. \$350,000-\$500,000 3. \$500,001-\$700,000

4. \$700,001-\$900,000 5. Over \$900,000

Homes must have been completed between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022.

# **Judging Criteria**

Landscaping Architectural Appeal and Overall Impact

Signage Execution Sitting of Model/Streetscape

Interior Merchandising (Target market decorating/innovative use of design materials)

## 17. Marketing Excellence by a Builder (overall marketing for the year)

a. Builds 1 to 50 homes annually

b. Builds 51 to 100 homes annually

c. Builds 101 + homes annually

## **Judging Criteria**

Corporate Marketing Sales Promotions Special Events

Public Relations Advertising

#### 18. Builder of the Year

Awarded to a builder company that has made the most significant contributions to the real estate industry during the past calendar year. <u>Previous winners are ineligible for one year in the subcategory won.</u>

- a. Builds 1-50 Homes Annually
- b. Builds 51-100 Homes Annually
- c. Builds 100+ Homes Annually

# **Judging Criteria**

Involvement in the Home Building Industry

Product Development

Advertising

General Broker Relationships

Sales and Marketing Team Relationships

**Buyer Relations** 

Success in the Marketplace/Obstacles Overcome

Philosophy

Number of Homes Closed

#### PERSONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS CATEGORIES 19-26

Nominations for Personal Excellence Awards can be made by an employee, an employer, supervisor, or the nominee. Nominee must be a member in good standing with HBAR and representing company must be a member in good standing with HBAR. <u>Previous Personal</u> Excellence Award winners are ineligible for one year in same category.

## 19. Marketing Executive of the Year

# **Judging Criteria**

Number of Years in Home Building Industry

Number of Years in Marketing Management in the Home Building Industry Professional Designations

Amount of Marketing Budget for the Past Calendar Year

Number of Communities or Builders Represented for the Past Calendar Year Number of Homes Closed and Dollar Volume Closed the Past Calendar Year Working Relationships (clients and/or employer)

Candidate's Role, Goals and Achievements (major responsibilities, market research, product development, advertising, etc.); Results in the Market Place and Obstacles Overcome; Innovative Ideas Used in Marketing for New Homes; Contribution to the Company's Growth Describe any additional related accomplishments, or items of merit you wish the judges to know

## 20. Sales Manager of the Year

## **Judging Criteria**

Number of Years in Home Building Industry

Number of Years in Sales Management in the Home Building Industry Industry Awards and Designations

Involvement in New Construction/Development, Sales and Marketing Number of Communities Managed for the Past Calendar Year Number of Sales Persons Managed for the Past Calendar Year

Number of Homes Closed and Dollar Volume Closed the Past Calendar Year Achievements for Past Calendar Year

Candidate's Unusual Obstacles or Challenges with Customers and/or Sales Team; Recruiting and Sales Team Training; Creative Sales Management Abilities; REALTOR Relations; Customer Service; Motivation and Management Techniques

Describe any additional related accomplishments, or items of merit you wish the judges to know

#### 21. Rookie of the Year

## **Judging Criteria**

**Date Entered New Home Sales** 

Degree of Involvement in Marketing, Advertising and Promotion

Working Relationship with Other Salespeople, Lenders, Builder(s), and/or Public Sales Volume for Past Calendar Year (closed new homes)

Candidate's Unusual Obstacles with Sales if applicable (product, location, price, floor plans, etc.); Customer Service; Success Achieved in Selling New Homes; Prospecting Techniques and Broker Relations; Sales Philosophy; Closing Techniques; Prospect and Buyer Follow-up; Innovative Ideas Used in Selling New Homes

Describe any additional related accomplishments, or items of merit you wish the judges to know

#### 22. Lender of the Year

Award presented to individual who has made a remarkable contribution to his or her employer and to the new homes industry during the past calendar year.

# **Judging Criteria**

Number of Years in the Home Building Industry

Number of Years as a Lender in the Home Building Industry

Number of Homes and Dollar Volume CLOSED the past calendar year

Candidate's role, major responsibilities and achievements of the past year

Prospecting for Business Techniques Buyer or Consumer Follow-up

Contribution to Company's Growth Contribution to the Real Estate Industry

Market Research Unusual Challenges

Industry Related Educational Courses Completed Educational Designations Earned

Describe any additional related accomplishments, or items of merit you wish the judges to

know

#### 23. Hall of Fame

## **Judging Criteria**

Applicant must have received consecutive Sales Volume Excellence Awards for 10 Years. (2012 – 2022)

#### 24. Summit Award

## **Judging Criteria**

Presented to sales agent with highest number of closed units. (Automatically calculated through Sales Volume Excellence Award entries, no form or fee necessary)

#### 25. Ace Award

# **Judging Criteria**

Presented to the sales agent with the highest net closed volume. (Automatically calculated through Sales Volume Excellence Award entries, no form or fee necessary)

#### 26. Online Sales Counselor of the Year

- a. Sells 1 to 50 Homes Annually
- b. Sells 51 to 100 Homes Annually
- c. Sells 101+ Homes Annually

# **Judging Criteria**

- Number of Years in Home Building Industry
- Number of Communities Represented for the Past Calendar Year
- Overall Sales Contribution Percentage
- Conversion Rate (Provide Monthly Rate and Annual Rate for the Past Calendar Year)
  - Leads to Appointments
  - o Appointments Kept to Appointments Set
  - o Appointments to Sales
- Candidate's Roles, Major Responsibilities, and Achievements of the Past Year
- Relationship with Sales and Marketing Team



# Sales & Marketing Council's MAME Awards Entry Form 2023

Deadline: January 31, 2023

On the following blanks, please indicate the number of entries submitted accordingly.

Marketing Excellence Award Categories Fee: \$100 per	entry before 1/13/23	; \$125 after 1/13/23

	1. Best Print Advertisement		a.			b			•		
	2. Best Video / Best Virtual Tour			_							
	3. Best Website		a			b					
	4. Best Digital Advertisement										
	5. Best Social Media		a			b					
	6. Best Special Promotion		a			b					
	7. Best Advertising Campaign					b					
	8. Best Marketing Campaign in Pand	emic				b					
	Best Community Spirit		_								
	10. Best Vendor Showroom (non-builder)	)									
	11. Best CommunityAmenity		_								
	12. Best Marketed Community	a			b		c		d		
	13. Community of the Year		a							d	
	14. Developer of the Year										
	15. Best Design Center (builder)		_								
	16. Best Model Home a1		a2	a3.		a4	a5				
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	17. Marketing Excellence by a Builder		a		b.		_	C			
	18. Builder of the Year		a		b.		_	C	_		
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19.	Marketing Executive of the Year			20.				er of the			
21.	Rookie of the Year			22.		Lenc	ler of th	ne Year			
23.	Hall of Fame (no fee)			24.		Sum	mit Awa	ard			
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