

Judging Criteria

The judging panel is made up of industry professionals, as well as representatives from related fields such as architecture and landscape design. Judges do NOT know the names of entrants, as all entries are identified only by number.

Judges focus on the aesthetic features of the installation, including landscaping and/or other amenities that enhance the harmony created. Photographically observable factors such as workmanship, soundness of design, and safety measures required by existing standards, are also considered. Judges recommend that you submit any blueprints that you may have for the submission. Please submit a high resolution image of them along with detail on how you contribute to the project so that they may be used as needed during the judging process. Any entry which does not include the entrant's affirmation of conformance with applicable ANSI/APSP Standards or any applicable mandatory design code of a government having jurisdiction over the installation site cannot be considered in the judging.

The judging panel may combine or eliminate categories at their discretion if insufficient entries are received, and only if the entries can be reassigned to another category. Industry judges are not allowed to judge in categories where they have submitted entries. Decisions of APSP or the judges as to eligibility will be final. APSP reserves the right to waive requirements in extenuating circumstances, without giving rise to any right of any party to seek similar waiver in any circumstances.

At the judges' discretion, any number of medal awards (i.e., Gold Medal, Silver Medal, Bronze Medal), and/or any number of Awards of Merit may be presented in each category of entry. However, judges do NOT have to recognize any entries in a category if they deem that no entries merit an award.