

Alexandria Beautification Awards Criteria | 2023

Criteria applicable to all nominations and awards

- Properties that have won previously are not eligible for five years from their award date.
- Properties that are listed for sale are not eligible.
- Properties with substantial Beautification Commission/Commissioner involvement are not eligible.
- Individuals and firms may win multiple times within five years for different properties.
- Properties are judged on design, sustainability, maintenance, neighborhood context, and use of 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 and explain, noting the award criteria, why the property is being nominated for the award.
- Where applicable sustainable design/approaches should be considered, such as using renewable energy, rainwater capture/filtering, native/non-invasive plants, contribution to tree canopy, contributions to community open space, etc.
- Where applicable green practices should be considered, including recycling programs, composting programs, water treatments, etc.

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.
- Judging is limited to the property visible from the public right of way.
- 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/efforts that promote beautification in the community.
- Judging is limited to the property visible from 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, and/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.
- Judging is limited to the property visible from the public right of way.
- Criteria for judging include plant materials, design, architecture, the inclusion of environmentally sustainable practices, maintenance, and neighborhood context.

Commercial Beautification Award

Four awards (East, Central, West)

- Award recognizes commercial properties that contribute to the beautification of the City through landscaping and architecture.
- Judging is limited to the property visible from the public right of way.
- Criteria for judging to include plant materials, design, architecture, the inclusion of environmentally sustainable practices, maintenance, and neighborhood context.