

Alexandria Beautification Awards Criteria

Criteria applicable to all nominations and awards

- Properties that have won previously are not eligible for a period of 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 a five-year period 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.

Award for Excellence in Architecture

Up to 3 awards (one each from East, Central, 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 time of nomination or up to 5 years prior
- Judging is limited to the property visible from the public right of way
- Residential, commercial, 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.

Award for Excellence in Sustainable Design

Up to 3 awards (one each from East, Central, West)

- Awarded for new constructions, improvements
- Must be completed or substantially completed at time of nomination or up to 5 years prior
- Residential, commercial, public properties
- Factors considered: use of renewable energy, rainwater capture/filtering, use of native/noninvasive plants, contribution to tree canopy, contributions to community open space

Green Practices in Beautification Award

One City-wide award, or more at discretion of the Commission

- Award recognizes individual or group efforts that promote sustainability in beautification
- Examples include recycling programs, composting programs, water treatments

Community Beautification Award

Up to 3 awards (one each from East, Central, 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

9 awards (three each from East, Central, 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, inclusion of environmentally sustainable practices, maintenance, and neighborhood context

Commercial Beautification Award

Up to 3 awards (one each from 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, inclusion of environmentally sustainable practices, maintenance, and neighborhood context