



***There is no project too small
nor too big to BLEND!***

Whether it's an addition, new construction, new/redone outbuilding, landscape project, exterior facelift, or something else – residential or commercial – any project (regardless of cost) can BLEND!

Key Dates

Submission deadline August 13, 2021
Awards Ceremony Sept 20, 2021*
**assuming in-person; stay tuned!*

The **BLEND Award** encourages and rewards architects, builders, and property owners to **blend** remodeled or newly constructed structures into the fabric of Minneapolis neighborhoods.

Contact Jim Fisher with questions; (612) 803-0583 or jim@blendaward.org

Please read carefully before submitting. Items are to be submitted electronically, with the exception of the submission fee & display board.

2021 Eligibility

- The property must be located within the boundaries of Minneapolis or St. Paul.
- Construction must have been completed since July 1, 2016.
- All structures on property must comply with appropriate City codes.
- While not a prerequisite for eligibility, submissions that comply with the spirit of the BLEND Design Guidelines will be given preference in selection.
- Both commercial and residential projects are eligible and there is no limit to the number of projects an individual or firm submits as long as they are for different properties

Categories: There are two primary categories — Remodel/Addition, New Construction, with an opportunity to indicate landscape, outbuilding/ancillary structure, and/or exterior/façade. There is also a special designation for small projects (under \$150,000 total cost).

Fee: \$100.00 registration fee per entry. Please make checks payable to: Minneapolis Climate Action (This entry fee includes 1 framed award certificate and up to 2 unframed certificates for winning submissions.)

EcoBLEND Badge

- There is *no additional fee* for consideration for an EcoBLEND Badge, however a project must first be awarded a BLEND Award in order to be considered for an EcoBLEND Badge.
- Any BLEND-submitted project may request consideration for an EcoBLEND Badge.
- Receiving an EcoBLEND Badge will be a consideration for “Best in Show” Award, but is not a requirement.

Awards Ceremony

- Monday, **September 20**, 2021 7:00pm
- **Location to be confirmed**

Please Note:

- Award recipient submission boards may be retained by the BLEND Award Committee for display in the community and in the press. The BLEND Awards Committee has the right to publish submitted materials online and provide to press.
- Please make copies of all materials. The BLEND Award Committee accepts no responsibility for damaged or lost submissions.
- Submitter(s), if not the property owner, is responsible for obtaining rights to publish submitted materials and property address from the property owner. Please note whether property owners' name(s) may be published.
- Each submitter must have ownership or copyrights to all of the materials displayed on any of the submission requirements or obtain permission from the copyright owner to use those materials for this submission. Photography and other credits for display materials shall be listed in the submission materials when that owner is someone other than the applicant. The BLEND Award committee and their sponsor reserve the right to use any of the submission materials, including property address, for marketing purposes and publications.

Submission Steps

All submission materials including online submission form, display board (physical AND digital), and payment must be completed and received by 6 pm on August 13, 2021.

1. Online Submission Form. Complete online submission form, which includes project name and contact information for submitter, architect or designer, builder, and property owner.

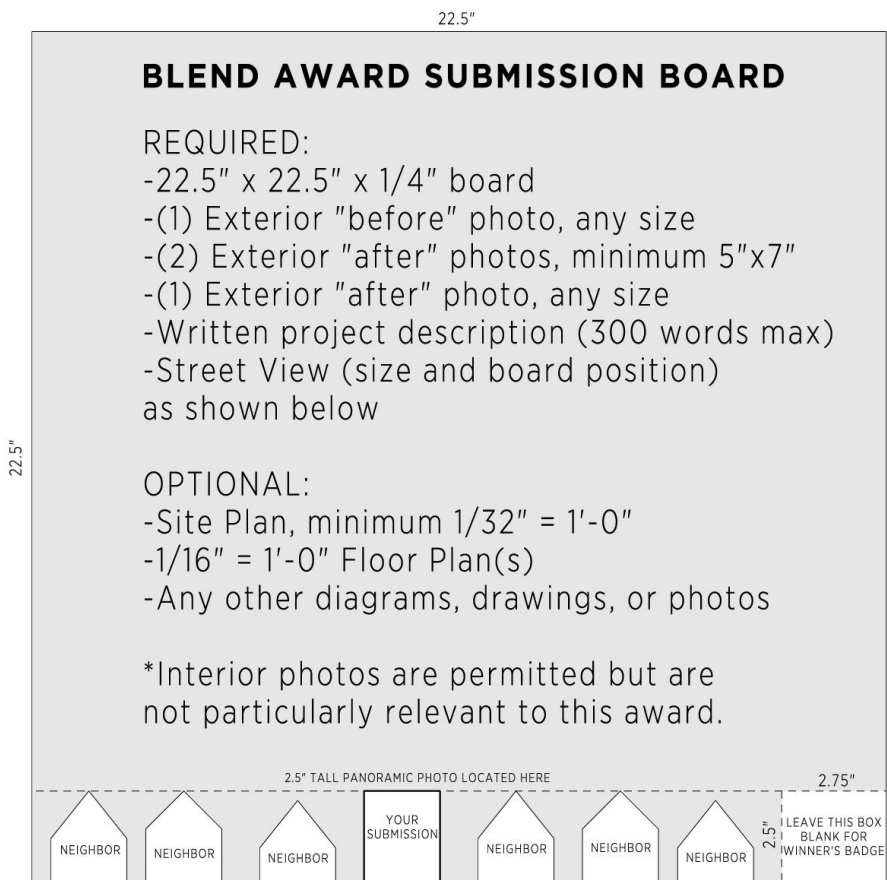
The online submission form includes uploading digital files for (1) the display board (PDF < 10 MB), and (2) at least 1 and up to 2 additional photos (JPEG, <5 MB ea). A sample submission form is included below for preparation purposes only. **THE SUBMISSION FORM MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE.**

If your project is to be considered for an EcoBLEND Badge, fully complete the online EcoBLEND Questionnaire. The questions on the online questionnaire are included below, to assist in preparation.

2. Digital Display Board. Create one 22½" x 22½" x ¼" display board. Submitters are encouraged to use ¼" honeycomb cardboard for boards, if available. Foam core board will be accepted. Please review carefully display board requirements and guidelines (see below) before printing your board! *Failure to include required elements will negatively impact your project.*
3. Submission fee. The submission fee is \$100 per entry made payable to Minneapolis Climate Action (our fiscal agent). Physical display board and submission fee must be delivered at **2916 47th Street West, Minneapolis**, between **2:00 and 6:00 pm on August 13, 2021**. All other submission materials must be submitted electronically by 6 pm on August 13, 2021. If you are submitting multiple projects, you may combine the \$100 per property submission fee on one check. Submission is not complete until payment is received.

DISPLAY BOARD GUIDELINES

Include project title on display board, which must match the title used in electronic submission. **DO NOT INCLUDE IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICANT ON THE DIGITAL DISPLAY BOARD.** Doing so may result in disqualification of the entry and forfeiture of submission fee. Digital display board must also be uploaded as a PDF file < 10MB.





2021 BLEND Submission Form

Note: This form must be completed online

www.blendaward.org

DEADLINE: August 13, 2021, 5 pm

The following is provided for your planning & preparation only.

Please review the BLEND Design Guidelines prior to preparing your submission. (available at blendaward.org)

Property Location: MINNEAPOLIS ST. PAUL

Entry Type (check ALL that apply):

- Remodel/Addition New Construction
 Landscape Outbuilding/Ancillary Structure Exterior/Façade only
 Small Project (under \$150,000)

Property Type (check one): Residential Commercial

Project Name: _____

Submitter Licensed Architect Designer Builder Property Owner

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Contact information for architect(s), designer(s), builder(s) and property owner(s), if not the submitter.

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Response to following:

How does this project BLEND? What are you proud of about this project? What does it do for the neighborhood – or not do to the neighborhood? (Approximate 300 word maximum)

Prepare the following items for electronic upload to complete online submission:

- Display Board (PDF, filesize limit 10MB)
- At least 1 and up to 2 additional photos that were used on the display board. (jpg, filesize limit 5 MB per photo). Note: These additional photos must be part of the display board, and may be used in BLEND ceremony slideshow and/or BLEND website.

Identification of the applicant on the display board or project description may disqualify the entry.

EcoBLEND consideration? Yes No

(If yes, you will be directed to complete EcoBLEND questionnaire online to complete your submission. See the following page for the questionnaire.)



2021 EcoBLEND Questionnaire

Please complete the following questions in the [ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE](#) to be considered for an EcoBLEND Badge. Respond to all questions even if the answer is “N/A” or “No”. Responses to any single question should not exceed 50 words. Focus responses on design and actions that are above and beyond current code requirements and general expectations. The online questionnaire is available as part of the online BLEND submission.

RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

1. Describe any re-use of building materials or products used, including use of previously salvaged materials.
2. Describe any recycling you did on your project, including deconstruction process.
3. Did you use any locally sourced or locally manufactured materials? If so, describe.
4. Did you use product with recycled content? If so, explain where or how.
5. Describe any internal set-ups/systems that will increase/enhance recycling, composting, waste-reduction, or otherwise increase ongoing resource efficiency opportunities.
6. Describe any other resource efficiency activities or elements not covered above.

WATER CONSERVATION

1. Did you use low flow plumbing fixtures? If so, please describe where and what brands.
2. Did your project require landscaping? If so, did you use native plant species in your landscaping?
3. Did you use drought resistant grasses?
4. Did you install a drip irrigation system or did you choose not to install an irrigation system at all?
5. Did you install an on-demand water heater?
6. Describe any other water conservation related activities or elements not covered above.

INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

1. Did you use zero formaldehyde materials, including insulation?
2. Did you protect/seal the furnace and duct work during construction?
3. Did you air the house for 24 hours before using the space?
4. Did you use zero VOC or low VOC paint?
5. Did you use natural carpets (i.e. wool, sisal, etc)
6. Describe any other indoor environmental quality elements not covered above.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

1. Did you add insulation? If so, what kind and where?
2. Did you do an energy audit before you started this project and after it was done? If so, was there a difference in the results? (remodel/addition only)
3. Did you insulate your water lines?
4. What percentage of lighting are CFL and/or LED?
5. Did you make use of passive solar design? If yes, please describe.
6. Did you incorporate photovoltaic technology? Geothermal technology? If yes, please describe.
7. Did you use Energy Star rated appliances? Which ones?
8. Did you use Energy Star rated windows? If so, what percentage is Energy Star rated?
9. Did you install a high efficiency furnace? If yes, please describe.
10. Describe any other energy efficiency activities or elements not covered above.

OTHER

1. Please describe any eco-friendly element of your project that you feel was not covered above?

FOR COMMERCIAL ONLY

1. Describe any techniques or strategies put in place to encourage alternative transportation and/or reduction of parking spaces for guests and/or employees (i.e. install showers, bike racks, lockers).
2. Did you use any reflective roofing materials?
3. Describe any efforts to mitigate water run-off.
4. Have you implemented any green office cleaning strategies (including waste reduction)?