



Awards - Take a Second or Third Look

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The awards committee would like to thank everyone who submitted an award this year. These applications show the great work going on around the country, and the awards committee always is looking for ways to improve the system. We are not much different from anyone else. We continually find items that are overlooked. This is the reason to have many eyes on our projects. Awards are no different. It takes more than one set of eyes and many times to catch the details and make sure packets are complete. Judging these innovative programs can be difficult, but don't let the process become easier because we forgot to include something in the packet.

Award Submissions Tips

1. Send the files and the checklist to a third party to look to ensure all the information is there.
2. Schedule time to work on your submission. Time stress can make us do things we normally would not do. Our emotions at times cloud our executive function and make us miss important steps.
3. Work on submissions early. The awards usually do not change nor do the requirements for categories.
4. Go through the checklist one last time before submitting the award. Visually look at each piece of documentation you are submitting to ensure you have everything.

We look forward to your submissions for next year. It is a relief knowing that you have submitted your best proposal. Leaving something out will only add to the stress of your day. Breathe, double-check, and submit with confidence.

Finally, if you are the Vice President of Awards for your state, please check that you submitted the state-winning applications completely and correctly for regional and national judging.