



Entry Requirements

Entry Rules:

- Any building designed and erected in a safe manner by a NFBA member builder that utilizes post-frame construction (defined below) in a minimum of 50% of the building structure will be eligible.

Definition: A post-frame building is most clearly defined by its wide column spacing with rafters and/or trusses to create distinct “post frames.” Columns may or may not be ground-embedded. Mortise and tendon connections typical of timber frame construction are not considered post frame by this definition.

- **Buildings must have been completed during December 1, 2017 – December 1, 2018** and have an erector/contractor who is a current NFBA member builder. Any entry found to have been completed prior to December 1, 2017 will forfeit all materials, including the entry fee, submitted to NFBA in the application process.
- It is the obligation of the applicant to check the appropriate box on the entry form to indicate which specific category the building(s) is being entered into.
- To be considered you must complete EACH item on the official entry form.
- Entries received that do not contain all required materials will be disqualified.
- Any NFBA company or branch is eligible to win, but is limited to one 1st place award per company branch in any or all outlined categories.
- All decisions by the judges are final.

Entry Deadline:

- All entries must be received at the NFBA office on, or before **December 7, 2018**.
- Questions – please contact NFBA at 800/557-6957 or e-mail awards@nfba.org

Ways to Submit an Entry

- **Digital Submission** -Visit www.nfba.org/buildingoftheyear, and complete the electronic entry form using our new, quick, seamless digital submission system. *You will save \$30 on each entry.*
- **Mail** – Completed entries must be submitted devoid of any staples, presentation folders, or three ring binders. Send the completed Official Entry Form and supporting materials to:
NFBA – Building of the Year
c/o Awards
8735 W Higgins Ste 300
Chicago, IL 60631



Entry Fee:

- A separate official entry form must be completed for each entry submitted. The entry fee is non-refundable.
- **Digital Submission** - A \$110.00 entry fee is required for each entry.
- **Mail** - A \$140.00 entry fee is required for each entry.

Entry Preparation:

When preparing your entries, consider the quality of your photos. The photos you submit should demonstrate your company's pride in their work.

- Each entry must be accompanied by high-resolution (large 300 dpi jpg minimum) photographic support.
- Entries submitted without required photographic support and/or poor photographic prints are unlikely to win the contest.
- Each entry should include a floor plan and cross section of the building; a single-page line drawing equal to or less than 17" x 22" in size is acceptable.
- **The photographer and anyone who provides a quote MUST sign a photo release and testimonial waiver** that gives NFBA the right to reprint photos or the quotation.
- Remodel/Retrofit category entries must submit before and after photos.
- Additional photos showing stages of construction and interior views in addition to at least two views of the completed building are also recommended.

Digital Submission

- The new online submission form will limit the number of photos you can submit. You may and are encouraged to provide more images than those allotted on the form. Email these to awards@nfba.org and denote the building entry for which they are associated.

Mail

- Enclose high-quality photographic prints - **do NOT send ink jet photos.**
- **TWO IDENTICAL 8 x 10 photos must be submitted with each entry** (for award production and entry exhibition at the *Frame Building Expo*).
- Do not send full blueprints
- Please make copies of all entry materials for your records, as they will not be returned by the NFBA office.



Winners:

- Winners will be notified around January and are expected to register for and attend the *Frame Building Expo Awards Luncheon* to accept their award. Winners will receive two (2) complimentary tickets to the Awards Luncheon.
- All Building of the Year winners will be displayed at the annual convention, *Frame Building Expo*, and on the NFBA website, www.nfba.org.
- All entries that are **not** selected as a first place winner in any of the other defined categories will be considered for the prestigious **Judges' Award**.
- All non-winning entries will receive a Certificate of Excellence.