



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, 2022 – November 30, 2024** and have an erector/contractor who is a current NFBA member builder. Any entry found to have been completed prior to December 1, 2022 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 is eligible to win.
- All decisions by the judges are final.

Entry Deadline:

- All entries must be received at the NFBA office on, or before **December 2, 2024**.
- Questions – please contact NFBA at (800) 557-6957 or e-mail awards@nfba.org

Ways to Submit an Entry

- **Digital Submission** -Log into the NFBA 'Members Only' section to submit application & photos online. Email awards@nfba.org if you have questions.
- **Mail** – Completed Official Entry Form and supporting materials must be sent to the address below and be postmarked on or before December 2, 2024:

NFBA
Building of the Year Awards
7250 Poe Ave., Suite 410
Dayton, OH 45414



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Entry Fee:

- A separate official entry form must be completed for each entry submitted
- The entry fee is \$100
- The entry fee is non-refundable

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 photographic support (Interior & Exterior).
- 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.

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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 in February and are expected to have at least one representative attend the annual NFBA Conference and 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 NFBA Conference and 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**.



OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

All completed forms and supporting materials must be submitted digitally or postmarked by **December 2, 2024**.

Ways to submit: (1) Visit nfba.org/buildingoftheyear and complete this form electronically, using a quick, seamless digital submission process. Photos can be submitted on the NFBA website, or emailed to jwhite@nfba.org (2) Mail the completed forms and supporting materials to NFBA 7250 Poe Ave. Suite 410, Dayton, OH 45414.

Contact name _____

Company name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

If the building is selected as a winner, how would you like the names listed on the plaque?

Name of building _____

Built by _____

Built for _____

Building location (city, state) _____

Person at company to be recognized _____

The 2024 Contest

The 2024 Building of the Year contest consists of 24 award categories plus a Judges' Award.

NFBA's redesigned awards program allows builder member companies to compete against builder member companies of comparable size. Each of the 12 main award categories has two divisions: (1) builders who belong to the NFBA membership categories of \$0–6 million in annual gross volume, and (2) builders who belong to the NFBA membership categories of over \$6 million in annual gross volume. (NFBA will validate all entries by confirming the company's membership category.) Winners in both divisions of all categories receive equal recognition and benefits.

Building Categories

Please select the *one* award category your entry *best* qualifies for.

AWARD CATEGORY (SELECT ONE)*	NFBA MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (annual gross volume)	
<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURAL STORAGE/WORKSHOPS	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0–6 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6+ million
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS (under 5,000 sq. ft.)**	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0–6 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6+ million
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS (5,000–10,000 sq. ft.)**	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0–6 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6+ million
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS (over 10,000 sq. ft.)**	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0–6 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6+ million
<input type="checkbox"/> HOBBY SHOPS	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0–6 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6+ million
<input type="checkbox"/> HORSE BARNS/FACILITIES (under 5,000 sq. ft.)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0–6 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6+ million
<input type="checkbox"/> HORSE BARNS/FACILITIES (5,000 sq. ft. and over)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0–6 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6+ million
<input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS (homes, apartments, other single- or multifamily dwellings)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0–6 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6+ million
<input type="checkbox"/> INSTITUTIONAL BUILDINGS (churches, schools, nonprofit organization offices, government buildings, other public buildings)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0–6 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6+ million
<input type="checkbox"/> LIVESTOCK FACILITIES	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0–6 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6+ million
<input type="checkbox"/> RETROFITTED/REMODELED BUILDINGS (renovation or remodeling of existing buildings)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0–6 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6+ million
<input type="checkbox"/> SUBURBAN GARAGES (residential garages only)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0–6 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6+ million

*Note: The judges reserve the right to move an entry into a category that is, in their view, a better fit for the entry.

**Commercial buildings include retail establishments such as shops, stores, repair shops, hotels, motels, warehouses, and retail outlets. You may enter industrial buildings in the Commercial Buildings category; however, do not enter commercial buildings in that category if they fit in a more specific category such as Agricultural Storage/Workshops or Institutional Buildings.

Judges' Award

Participants may *not* submit entries for the Judges' Award. The judges will select an exceptional entry that they believe deserves special recognition and that has not won first place in any other category. *All* participants' entries will be considered for the Judges' Award.

For office use only: Date received _____ Entry number _____

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Please use this section to describe your Building of the Year entry, and be as specific as possible in the space provided. Winners' information will be used in a press release, and at the awards ceremony.

1. Building use, importance, and newsworthiness: Why should this building win Building of the Year?

2. Unique features: If applicable, how is this building energy efficient? Are there any other interesting things about this building that you'd like to mention?

3. Post-frame advantage: If applicable, what material upgrades were included in this building? What role did post-frame construction play in this project?

4. Building owner's name, address, phone, e-mail address: _____



PHOTO AND TESTIMONIAL RELEASE FORM

Please check one:

Building owner

Builder/Contractor

Architect

Professional photographer

i, _____,
(insert name)

give permission to the National Frame Building Association of Dayton, Ohio, its agents, successors, clients, and purchasers of its services, to use my name, testimonials, images (whether print, digital, motion, or television), submitted documents, and other material, in any legal manner whatsoever.

By signing this form, I agree that the building owner of this property has granted permission for me to submit this entry in the NFBA Building of the Year contest.

Name (printed) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Description of Project

(Name of Building)

(Address) (City, State, Zip Code)

Submitting Company _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Entry Number _____



Example Scoring Rubric

Company Name	Company		
Building Name	Building		
Judge's Names	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3
Judging Criteria:	5 Pts Each Category		
Building Use / Importance			
Unique Features			
Post-Frame Advantage			
News-Worthiness			
Innovation			
Creative Use of Materials			
Design			
Floor Plan			
Curbside Appeal, Landscaping, Entryways & Lighting			
Building Exterior			
Building Interior / Special Finishing			
Judge Totals:	0	0	0
Grand Total:	0 / 165		