

The Downtown Corvallis Association Design Awards Program

Q: What is the Downtown Corvallis Association (DCA) Design Awards Program?

A: A program acknowledging those who make outstanding contributions to the Downtown spaces that are accessible to the public.

Q: Why does the DCA have an awards program?

A: The DCA's mission statement is "to improve and promote the economic, aesthetic, and cultural vitality of Downtown Corvallis". The awards program acknowledges and promotes exemplary design and improvements in the downtown, consistent with the mission statement.

Q: How often is the award considered?

A: The DCA Design Awards are considered once a year. Award nominations must be submitted by the first Monday in November, and award recipients (if any) are notified by the second Monday in November of each year. Awards will be presented in December.

Q: What are the requirements to qualify for the award?

A: The following requirements must be met to qualify.

1. The project must be located within the Central Business District.
2. The project must have been completed within the past two years.
3. The project must acknowledge a DCA member or EID participant.

Q: Are there specific award categories?

A: Yes, categories include:

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| ✓ Exterior Renovation | ✓ Exterior Signage |
| ✓ Interior Renovation | ✓ Historic Renovation |
| ✓ Downtown Beautification | ✓ Public Art & Exterior Furnishings |
| ✓ New Construction | ✓ Miscellaneous |

Q: Who makes the selection?

A: The DCA Design Committee makes the selection.

Q: What are the criteria by which the nominees are selected?

A: The selection criteria are based on a 100-point scale as follows:

1. Does the project enhance an existing building or outdoor space? (20 pts.)
2. Does the project make downtown more attractive? (20 pts.)
3. Does the project attract more people to downtown? (20 pts.)
4. Does the project make a positive statement about the downtown? (20 pts.)
5. Does the project contribute to the vitality and character of its surroundings? (20 pts.)