

# RAiNA AWARDS

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

### Eligibility

- You must be a current RAiNA member in 2025.
- The project must have been completed when you were a RAiNA member (if project was completed 2024).
- The project is located in North America (United States, Canada or Mexico).

### Key Dates

- Call for Entries: **Monday, August 18, 2025**
- Submission Deadline: **Friday, October 10, 2025**
- Review by Jurors: **Until Friday, November 1, 2025**
- Awards Ceremony: **Wednesday, November 5, 2025**

### Submission Guidelines

- Project can be submitted to one (1) category only (new or retrofit). You may submit multiple different projects in the category chosen.
- Opaque walls comprised of at least 50% rainscreen system.
- Project completed and/or occupied in 2024 or 2025.
- All submissions must be in an electronic format.
- **Photo Requirements:**
  - High resolution photos (300 dpi recommended as minimum) of the completed project are desirable.
  - Include photos of the project from different elevations.
  - Interesting angles and close-up shots are recommended, if available.
  - Include photos of the site that show the project in its immediate context.
  - Photos should be formatted on 8.5 x 11 sized page.
  - Photos should have a release form to use in public by project team and/or individual that took photo.
- **A two or three page summary (8.5 x 11") which explains how the project fulfills the criteria.** This is a significant aspect of the project submission and will be used by the jury to understand the detailed narrative of the project that is not captured by the drawings. Projects without a written narrative will not be accepted. *It is important to provide evidence for this narrative in your submission of drawings, photos and supporting documentation.* This will significantly increase scoring as it validates the narrative summary. In the summary, please address these questions:
  - **Design**
    - What facade attributes make this design truly unique?
    - Why would we select this project for innovation?
    - Was it an integrated specification or product specifications?
    - Were there any unique or challenging details that made traditional rainscreen design difficult to achieve?
    - Describe how the building envelope design surpasses conventional rainscreen systems in terms of detailing or innovation.
    - If applicable, discuss implementation of an effective solution despite challenging constraints. Constraints could be due to budget, existing construction, aesthetic requirements (e.g. historic preservation), site logistics, or compressed schedule.
    - Where rainscreens used where they did not require in a local jurisdiction or it was not standard construction practice?
  - **Mandatory Supporting Documentation:**
    - Specifications and Elevations
    - Shop Drawing Details (If Available)
    - Photos of the building at completion
    - If available, photos of the installation of various rain screen components

## Submission Guidelines (Continued)

- **Sustainability**
  - Identify sustainable requirements that were incorporated on the project and how the design satisfied those requirements (ie. Meeting latest version of ASHRAE 90.1, recycled content requirements for materials, etc)
  - Did the building get award for 3rd party recognition (like LEED, WELL, Net Zero, Net Zero Carbon, Living Building Challenge)?
  - **Supporting Documentation, if available:**
    - Certificate or form of evidence showing certification to
      - Green Building Program
      - Product HPDs
      - Product EPDs
- **Performance**
  - How does the project demonstrate technical excellence and good building science principles?
  - Outline the quality assurance measures used during design and construction to verify the envelope's performance and long-term durability. This could include items such as performance testing for air and watertightness, thermal or hygrothermal modelling, building enclosure commissioning, design review and red-line review, etc)
  - What was the thermal performance of the system, and did it exceed local jurisdictional requirements or energy code minimums?
  - Where thermally efficient cladding supports required?
  - *If the project is a retrofit, explain the specific building performance issues it resolved and how the solution addressed those challenges.*
  - **Supporting documentation, if available:**
    - Test Reports
    - Modelling Reports, etc
- **Construction**
  - What was the project timeline, schedule and budget?
  - Please describe any unique challenges that were overcome during the construction process.
  - Please provide list of contractors that worked on the project

## Assesment Matrix

Key Criteria	Weighting (in percentage)
Design	30
Sustainability	15
Performance	40
Construction Management	10
TOTAL SCORE	100