



2021

NATIONAL ARBOR CITY AWARDS

The National Arbor City Awards (NACA) are taking place again for the 19th time in 2021. This is the result of the continuous partnership between the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), TOTAL South Africa and the Institute for Environment and Recreation Management (IERM). TOTAL South Africa is the main sponsor of these exciting awards. The competition provides incentives and rewards to municipalities who are doing their best in terms of greening and landscape development and management, especially in the townships and new settlement areas, in particular homesteads, street tree planting, creation of parks for aesthetics and recreation, management of open spaces, plant species conservation, use of water wise techniques as well as greening advocacy. The competition further encourages municipalities to involve youth in their greening initiatives. Should a municipality demonstrate youth involvement in its programmes or projects, it will stand a better chance in attaining the award.

In 2021, municipalities are expected to demonstrate how they are going to support the implementation of the National Two Million Trees Programme. The competition submission must be in a form of project plan, pictures or videos depicting new tree planting and related developments.

THE ADJUDICATION

The NACA briefing notes will be prepared for the entrants to provide a detailed explanation about the competition. The first phase of evaluation will be done based on a portfolio of evidence received from the municipalities and first shortlist will be done. The shortlisted municipalities will then be further evaluated as follows:

- The panel will visit projects in the final shortlisted municipalities
- Judges will discuss and complete scoring sheets
- An average score will be calculated to determine the winner.

CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

The competition provides for four categories i.e. Metropolitan municipalities, category B local municipalities, a category for rural municipalities and the youth participation in greening category. The metropolitan category has a first prize winner only, the category B local municipality has first and second prize winners, and the rural municipality category only has a first prize winner. The youth participation in greening is new special category that

was added to the competition in 2018, it is an award that recognises youth involvement in greening, and a municipality that demonstrates outstanding involvement of the youth in their greening projects gets to be recognised by winning this award.

ENTRY FORMS

Competition entry forms are available on the departmental website, namely: **www.environment.gov.za**. These forms can also be obtained on the IERM website, namely: **www.ierm.org.za**

The departmental regional offices will also mail the entry forms to municipalities in their provinces.

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**THE CLOSING DATE FOR
ENTRIES IS 31 MAY 2021**

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR PORTFOLIOS
OF EVIDENCE IS 17 JUNE 2021**