

National Arbor City Awards



The National Arbor City Awards (NACA) are taking place again in 2024. This is the result of the continuous partnership between the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), TotalEnergies, the Institute for Environment and Recreation Management (IERM), the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) and the South African Local Government Association (SALGA). TotalEnergies 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 townships and new settlement areas, in particular homesteads. Moreover, municipalities who showcase their street tree planting initiatives as well as the creation of parks for aesthetics and recreation, management of open spaces, plant species conservation, use of water wise techniques, as well as greening advocacy have an opportunity to be rewarded through the NACA competition. The NACA competition further encourages municipalities to involve youth in their greening initiatives.

For more information visit: www.dffe.gov.za



The National Arbor City Awards competition adjudication

The NACA competition concept with competition requirements will be prepared for the entrants. The first phase of evaluation will be done based on portfolios of evidence received from the municipalities, and the first shortlist will be done. Both electronic copies and hard copies of entry forms and portfolios of evidence will be accepted. Shortlisted municipalities will then be further evaluated as follows:

- The competition panel will visit projects in the final shortlisted municipalities
- Municipalities are expected to prepare a presentation and/ or video showcasing their greening projects
- The competition panel will discuss and complete scoring sheets
- An average score per entrant will be calculated to determine the winner.

National Arbor City Awards competition categories and prizes

The competition provides for four categories i.e. Metropolitan Municipalities, Category B Local Municipalities, Small Rural Local Municipalities and the Youth Participation in Greening category. The Metropolitan Municipality category has a first prize winner only, the Category B Local Municipality has a first, second and third prize winners, the Small Rural Local Municipality category has a first prize winner only and the Youth Participation in Greening category has a first prize winner only.

Competition entry forms

NACA competition entry forms are available on the departmental website at www.dffe.gov.za. Entry forms can also be obtained from the IERM website at www.ierm.org.za. The departmental regional offices will also mail entry forms to municipalities in their provinces.

Competition closing dates

The closing date for entry forms **17 June 2024**
The closing date for portfolios of evidence **1 July 2024**

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NACA competition entry forms and portfolios of evidence can be emailed to: nndzimbomvu@dffe.gov.za

or hand delivered:

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