

# Master builder 2015



Star's Master Builder Awards program is designed to recognize and encourage professionalism in the building industry. Any Star Builder may enter the contest. You may enter as many projects as you wish. All projects seen on Star's website and in Star brochures and industry publications are submissions from past Master Builder contests, so this contest is your opportunity to get your projects published by Star.

## Eligibility

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All entries must meet the following criteria:

1. The project must have been completed since March 15, 2014, or never entered into the contest.
2. The project must have been ordered/purchased by your company; AND constructed by your self-appointed contractors OR erected by others but wholly controlled from sale to finish by the Star Builder.
3. Star structural must comprise more than 60 percent of the square footage of the total structure. If part of the project is conventional construction, all photos MUST show at least a portion of the Star Building.

## Judging

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Judging is done by a panel of qualified Star employees. Judging is done in three segments. First, "Best of District" winners are selected, followed by "Best of Category." Finally, Best of District and Best of Category winners are combined for "Master Builder of the Year" selection.

Star reserves the right not to make an award in any category when, in the opinion of the judges, there are no entries deserving an award, or, there were not enough entries to do justice to the category. In the latter instance, Star reserves the option to place the entry into another category, or to hold over eligible entries into next year's competition.

Buildings are judged on the attractiveness of the exterior, skill of construction and the effective use of Star Building Systems' products and components.

In the Best of District judging, all projects entered from that district will compete against one another, regardless of category or size. In the Best of Category, projects compete against all others in that category, regardless of location. Award recipients will receive a plaque and a \$100 cash award.

Master Builder of the Year is the top award given each year, with a plaque and cash prize of \$1,000. Builders votes will decide the Builders' Choice Master Builder of the Year, which also receives a plaque and \$1000 cash prize.

## Entry Rules

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1. Complete the Entry Form and return to Star by Friday, January 7, 2015.
2. Procure building owner's signature on the Publicity and Photo Release Form. (NOTE: The "valuable consideration" mentioned in the release form can be a \$1 bill given by you to the building owner. This makes the release more binding and should be done.)
3. Submit six photos of your project, four exterior and two interior. You may send more and allow Star to select the best six. For retrofit entries, send at least two "before" and four "after" photos. Digital photographs are preferred, provided they are high quality images, a minimum of 300 dpi six inches wide. If taking your own photos, use a minimum 3.2 mega-pixel camera, set for its highest quality images.
4. Please submit on IBM formatted CD, saved in jpeg format. Label CD with your company and project name.
5. If using a professional photographer, obtain the photographer's signature on the Photo Release Form at the bottom below "PHOTOGRAPHIC AGREEMENT AND TRANSFER OF COPYRIGHT."
6. Mail completed entry forms and CD's to:

Star Building Systems  
ATTN: Master Builder 2015  
8600 South Interstate 35  
Oklahoma City, OK 73149



# Photo Tips

When to take photos: If possible, choose a day with some broken clouds and bright sun. If clouds are unavailable, hold out for full sun. Overcast days result in dull, lifeless photos. Often times Sunday mornings are a good time for a photo shoot.

How to take photos: Allow yourself plenty of time, don't rush. Observe the building in the morning, afternoon and evening to determine the best time to shoot. Study the building from all angles to determine the best shot for your building.

Your building: When taking photos of your building, make sure to clean up the area before shooting. When looking through the lens of your camera, look at everything in the lens from side to side and top to bottom. A trash can in the corner of the photo or a car in the wrong place can detract severely from your building.

Camera: Photos taken from about 10 feet above the ground (ground level to camera lens) typically have a better angle with less distortion.

Use a wide angle lens if available. Wide angle lenses minimize distortion and allow you to get a tight shot of the building. Wide angle lenses also help you to avoid power poles, fire hydrants, signs, etc.

Suggestions: If your camera prints the date on the photo, please turn the date off. The date restricts Star's ability to use the photo in our advertising and marketing materials.

When reviewing your images, please review on a full screen. The judges haven't seen your building. All they have to judge from are the photos that you are sending. If your photos do not do the building justice, reshoot.

Not an expert with a camera? Don't get the quality you desire from your photos? Hire a professional photographer to take your photos. Fees for professional photographers are 50% reimbursable at Co-op time!

You know your building inside and out, we don't! Show us your project with photos!

# Category Descriptions

Agricultural: Any project used for the storage or production of crops or livestock, farm equipment storage, agricultural services, forestry, fishing or hunting.

Auto Dealerships: New or used auto sales and service.

Builder Office: Any building used to house the office/warehouse of a Star Builder.

Commercial: *Large:* Buildings housing retail or wholesale and service related companies including hardware, lumber, auto parts, furniture, clothing, convenience stores; or service related businesses such as repair, offices, banks or real estate. Over 25,000 square feet. *Small:* Less than 25,000 square feet.

Churches: *Large:* Buildings used for religious purposes, training, worship, or study, including churches, convents, temples, etc. Over 25,000 square feet. *Small:* Less than 25,000 square feet.

Drone Project: Any building project that utilized drone technology for photography/video submitted in this contest. (Please send photos and video)

Government: Buildings owned by local, state and federal governments, including fire stations, courthouses, juvenile centers, prisons, maintenance facilities, etc.

Hangars: Buildings used for aircraft storage and/or maintenance.

Health Related: Buildings used for the furnishing of medical, surgical, and other health related services including clinics, hospitals, nursing homes, laboratories, out-patient service centers and animal hospitals.

Maintenance: Buildings used for repair and maintenance of company owned vehicles, equipment, etc. The buildings are not open to the public.

Manufacturing: *Large:* Buildings used primarily for production, assembly, fabrication, processing, printing, etc. Over 15,000 square feet.

*Small:* Less than 15,000 square feet.

Multistory: Any building with two or more floors.

Recreational: Buildings used primarily for amusement and entertainment, including skating rinks, bowling centers, dance or gymnastic studios, sports, theaters, casinos, gymnasiums, etc.

Retrofit/Components: Application of Star roof, wall systems or components to an existing structure, conventional or pre-engineered.

Roofing: First time application of Star roofing products to a conventional structure, or unusual roofing applications to a new Star building.

Schools: Public or private schools including special education, vo-tech, kindergarten through college, excluding free standing gymnasiums.

Shopping Centers: Buildings housing three or more retail/service stores.

Standard Buildings: Buildings of any end use that are simple in design and smaller than 8,000 square feet.

Self Storage: Steel Systems buildings of any size and design.

Warehouse: *Large:* Buildings used for commercial warehousing, distribution centers and storage of any goods, including truck terminals. Over 50,000 square feet. *Small:* Less than 50,000 square feet.



Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Star Builder Information

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Star District Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Project Team

General Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Steel Erector \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Architect \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

## Project Information

Name of Project \_\_\_\_\_ Owner of Project \_\_\_\_\_

Occupant of Building & Building End Use \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Star Job Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Project Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ Project End Date \_\_\_\_\_

Category (see back page for details) \_\_\_\_\_ Plant Shipped From \_\_\_\_\_

## Roof System

Panel Type \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_

Total Square Footage of Roof Panel \_\_\_\_\_

Was conventional roofing used? Yes  No

If yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information about your roofing system? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Wall System

Panel Type \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_

Total Square Footage of Wall Panel \_\_\_\_\_

Were conventional walls used? Yes  No

If yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information about your wall system? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

# Tell us about your project

The information you provide to the questions below greatly assists us when compiling an article about your project. Without the information, it is difficult to provide a complete article that will be accepted by the publications. Please attach another sheet if necessary.

Was a Star facade used? Yes  No  If yes, what kind? \_\_\_\_\_

Was a Star mezzanine used? Yes  No  If yes, explain its use \_\_\_\_\_

What are some of the reasons this project utilized a custom metal building rather than conventional construction? \_\_\_\_\_

What special treatments were used in conjunction with the Star product? \_\_\_\_\_

Was conventional construction used on this project? If so, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

What were the unusual applications to this structure? \_\_\_\_\_

What, if anything, was done to this project to make it energy efficient? Please list suppliers as well. \_\_\_\_\_

Any other information you would like to provide us with? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the building size(s) below. Attach another sheet if necessary.

Building 1 \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ Square Footage \_\_\_\_\_

Building 2 \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ Square Footage \_\_\_\_\_

Building 3 \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ Square Footage \_\_\_\_\_

Building 4 \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ Square Footage \_\_\_\_\_

Total Project Square Footage \_\_\_\_\_

## LEED

What level of LEED certification does your project qualify for? Platinum  Gold  Silver  Certified

In what way did Star help your project become LEED certified? \_\_\_\_\_

What other green applications were utilized in this project to help qualify for LEED certification? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Photo & Publicity Material Release Form



Please complete this form in its entirety for each building entered.

For valuable consideration paid to me, I hereby consent to the use of my name, my firm's name, personal and building photographs and other material used in advertising, sales promotion and public relations by Star Building Systems, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and its Builder,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print Star Builder Company Name)

for advertising purposes, and I hereby release Star Building Systems and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print Star Builder Company Name)

from any and all claims whatsoever which I might have by reason of their use of my name or my firm's name.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Building Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Star Builder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Photographic Agreement & Transfer of Copyright

Please check this box if photos of this project were taken by an employee of your company. If a professional photographer was used, you **MUST** complete the form below.

Subject of Assignment:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of payment for the above photographic assignment, I hereby agree that all images are works for hire and are, or will become without further consideration, the property of Star Building Systems, and/or its authorized Builder,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print Star Builder Company Name)

Star Building Systems and/or its authorized Builder will be recognized under the Copyright Revision Act of 1976 as the full and sole "author" of the copyrights as produced.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Photographer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date