



2026 22ND ANNUAL DESIGN COMPETITION

INTRODUCTORY LETTER

We encourage you to enter your design projects into the 2026 22nd Annual Design Competition for NKBA Chapters: Puget Sound and Olympic-West Sound!

PLEASE READ THIS LETTER + [2026 ENTRY PACKET](#) + [RESOURCE DOCUMENTS](#) IN THEIR ENTIRETY

IMPORTANT FOR 2026

Do NOT assume that all the rules + guidelines are the same as previous years. Be aware of the changes for 2026, detailed in the Entry Packet.

OF SPECIAL NOTE:

- >> Just Announced!** Projects that have been previously published will now be accepted as entries.
1. The NEW 4th Edition 2023 NKBA Kitchen + Bath Guidelines are compulsory for the 2026 entries.
 2. Each project entered must be submitted by the Designer of Record (DOR).
 3. Each DOR is REQUIRED to attend at least THREE regular chapter meetings from July 2025 - May 2026.
 - a. Attendance at the Holiday Party (Dec 2025) event does not qualify.
 - b. Chapter meeting registration alone does not qualify; attending the meeting does qualify.
 - i. You must check-in at the front desk to ensure that your attendance is recorded.
 - ii. If in doubt, please check with Mariah Hebenthal for your attendance record to-date.
 - c. Attendance of the IN PERSON "How to Enter" class counts toward one of the required meetings.
 4. Eligible projects must be completed/installed between April 1, 2024 and April 1, 2026.
 5. Other Room Category parameters have been updated to the following:
 - a. Must Contain 3 of 4 products: Built-in Cabinetry, Appliance, Hard Surfaces or Plumbing Fixtures
 - b. Fireplaces and AV Equipment DO NOT count as appliances.
 6. We now have a two-tiered pricing program for entries.
 - a. Early Entries must be completed AND submitted via Award Force by March 23rd at 5pm to qualify for the \$150/entry.
 - b. Any entries completed after 5pm on March 23rd – April 20th will be charged \$175/entry.
 - c. Entries that are incomplete or not paid in full according to the payment terms will not be considered for judging, nor refunded.
 7. Each submitted project may have only one DOR.
 - a. Co-Designers now fall under the optional Contributors List
 - b. All companies and persons listed on Contributors will be announced and acknowledged during the awards ceremony.
 8. Design Statements:
 - a. Project Overview: 80-word max, narrative essay only, NO bullet points.
 - b. Design Narrative: 200-400 words max; bulleted format only.
 9. Our 2026 media partner is Portrait of Seattle; this is an editorial partnership.
 - a. Be sure to meet the requirements and formatting for photography.

QUESTIONS?

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