



## NATIONAL ARBOR CITY AWARDS 2025

The National Arbor City Awards (NACA) are taking place again in 2025. 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.

For 2025, the National Arbor City Awards Competition has added new categories, namely **the Non-Governmental Organisation, School Greening and Individual Contribution Categories**.

The competition's aim is to provide incentives and rewards to municipalities, non-governmental organisations, schools and individuals who are doing their best in terms of greening, landscape development, environmental sustainability and advocacy in urban, peri urban and rural areas.

### NATIONAL ARBOR CITY AWARDS COMPETITION CATEGORIES

The competition has the following categories:

1. Metropolitan Municipalities
2. Category B Local Municipalities
3. Small Rural Local Municipalities
4. Municipal -Youth Participation in Greening\*
5. Municipal-Individual Contribution\*
6. Non-Governmental Organisations
7. School Greening\*

### 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 entrants, and the first shortlist will be done. Both electronic copies and hard copies of entry forms and portfolios of evidence will be accepted. Shortlisted entrants will then be further evaluated as follows:

- The competition panel will visit projects in the final shortlisted entrants

- Competition entrants 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 winners.

### COMPETITION ENTRY FORMS

NACA competition entry forms are available on the departmental website at [www.dffe.gov.za](http://www.dffe.gov.za)

Entry forms can also be obtained from the IERM website at [www.ierm.org.za](http://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: 22 July 2025**

**The closing date for portfolios of evidence: 31 July 2025**

### NATIONAL ARBOR CITY AWARDS COMPETITION ENTRIES

Competition entry forms and portfolios of evidence can be emailed to: [nndzimbomvu@dffe.gov.za](mailto:nndzimbomvu@dffe.gov.za) or hand delivered:

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**\*The youth participation in greening category falls under and is only limited to competition entries from Municipalities**

**\*The school greening category will be advertised separately and will follow a provincial advertisement and process format**

**\*The individual contribution category falls under and is only limited to competition entries from Municipalities, in particular Municipalities that have been shortlisted.**



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