

National Municipal Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Awards Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who can apply to the National Municipal Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Awards program?
 - a. At this time, the program is aimed at recognizing MS4 communities. Phase I and Phase II MS4 permit holders are invited to submit a nomination.
2. How many MS4 Award Winners are there each year?
 - a. There are six total winners each year, two overall winners for both Phase I and Phase II, as well as Phase I and Phase II winners for the Program Management and Innovation categories. All other nominees will be recognized as Gold, Silver, or Bronze level in the categories submitted (program management and/or innovation).
3. What is included in the application form?
 - a. The application form includes general information questions about your program, six program management questions, and one innovation question with word limits. You can choose to submit responses for the program management category, innovation category, or both categories. Please note if you submit for only one category, you will not be considered for the overall winner category.
4. My organization previously applied to the MS4 Awards program and received a recognition certificate. Can we apply again?
 - a. Yes, recognized communities and previous winners of the program are welcome to apply to the program again.
5. Can we review the application/nomination previously submitted for our organization?
 - a. Yes, email Rebecca Arvin-Colon at rarvin-colon@wef.org for a copy.
6. Can we review the winning applications/nominations from last year's award submissions?
 - a. No, due to privacy concerns, we can only share copies of the applications/nominations submitted for your own organization.
7. Can we review the application/nomination questions prior to the call for nominations opening?
 - a. Yes, email Rebecca Arvin-Colon at rarvin-colon@wef.org for a copy. Please note that the questions are subject to change from year to year and are not final for the current year until the call for nominations is officially open.
8. What are the judging criteria for the MS4 Awards program?
 - a. Each year, the judges comparatively score the received award applications/nominations. The Program Management and Innovation sections have a value of 60 points each. Each question in the Program Management section has a ten-point value.
9. Where can I learn more about previous award winners and recognized communities?
 - a. All the previous award winners and recognized communities are listed on the WEF Stormwater Institute website: wefstormwaterinstitute.org/programs/ms4awards/. Learn more about the 2020 Winners in this Stormwater Report article: stormwater.wef.org/2020/09/wef-stormwater-institute-honors-outstanding-ms4-permittees/.
10. Who are the judges?
 - a. The current MS4 Awards Work Team roster can be found here: wefstormwaterinstitute.org/about/swi-work-teams/
11. Can I get involved?
 - a. Yes, email Rebecca Arvin-Colon at rarvin-colon@wef.org if you are interested in serving on the MS4 Awards Work Team. WEF Members and Stormwater Institute Subscribers are welcome to join.