



**City of Hickory Community Appearance  
Commission 2026 Beautification Awards  
Program**

**Nomination Form**

The City of Hickory's Community Appearance Commission is seeking nominations for the 2026 Beautification Awards Program. One award will be presented for each of the following categories:

1. Residential Landscape – Professionally Installed and/or Maintained
2. Residential Landscape – Non-Professionally Installed and/or Maintained
3. Residential Renovation and/or Restoration
4. Non-Residential Landscape
5. Non-Residential Renovation and/or Restoration
6. Litter Quitter Award
7. Hickory in Bloom Winner(s)
8. Special Award – Boy Scout or Girl Scout Troop, non-profit organization,  
etc.

Awards are presented to individuals and groups in each of these categories who have made an outstanding effort in beautifying their property either through landscaping or renovations and/or restorations to a building.

To nominate a property, send the information requested below to the Community Appearance Commission, Attention: Wilson Elliott, City of Hickory, P.O. Box 398, Hickory, NC 28603. Nominations may also be submitted via e-mail by sending the completed nomination forms to [welliott@hickorync.gov](mailto:welliott@hickorync.gov). **The submittal deadline is November 20, 2026—call (828) 323-7422 for more information.**

**You must attach at least one photograph of the property with this nomination (digital and paper formats are recommended). Those submitting nominations are also strongly encouraged to submit before and after photographs of the nominee's property.**

Name of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of property nominated \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number/E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for nomination:

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**CRITERIA**  
**2026 BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS COMMUNITY**  
**APPEARANCE COMMISSION (OFFICIAL COMMISSION**  
**USE ONLY)**

The following criteria will be used to review and select the 2026 Beautification Award winners. Special awards will be judged by the applicable criteria below, depending on the type of project.

Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Landscape Projects

\_\_\_\_\_ Does the landscape have abundant eye appeal?

\_\_\_\_\_ Is the space inviting?

\_\_\_\_\_ Are materials used in a creative way?

\_\_\_\_\_ Does the project enhance the neighborhood?

\_\_\_\_\_ Are there any topped trees on the property?  
(Topped trees will disqualify a project.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Are the plants drought-tolerant and native or locally-adapted?

Renovation and/or Restoration Projects - Buildings and Structures

\_\_\_\_\_ Do the improvements maintain and enhance the overall architectural character and integrity of the structure?

\_\_\_\_\_ Do the improvements maintain and enhance the overall architectural character and integrity of the neighborhood?

\_\_\_\_\_ Is the project a reutilization of an existing structure?

Special Award / Litter Quitter

\_\_\_\_\_ Do the project efforts beautify the area?

\_\_\_\_\_ Is the community involved in the efforts?

Comments/Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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