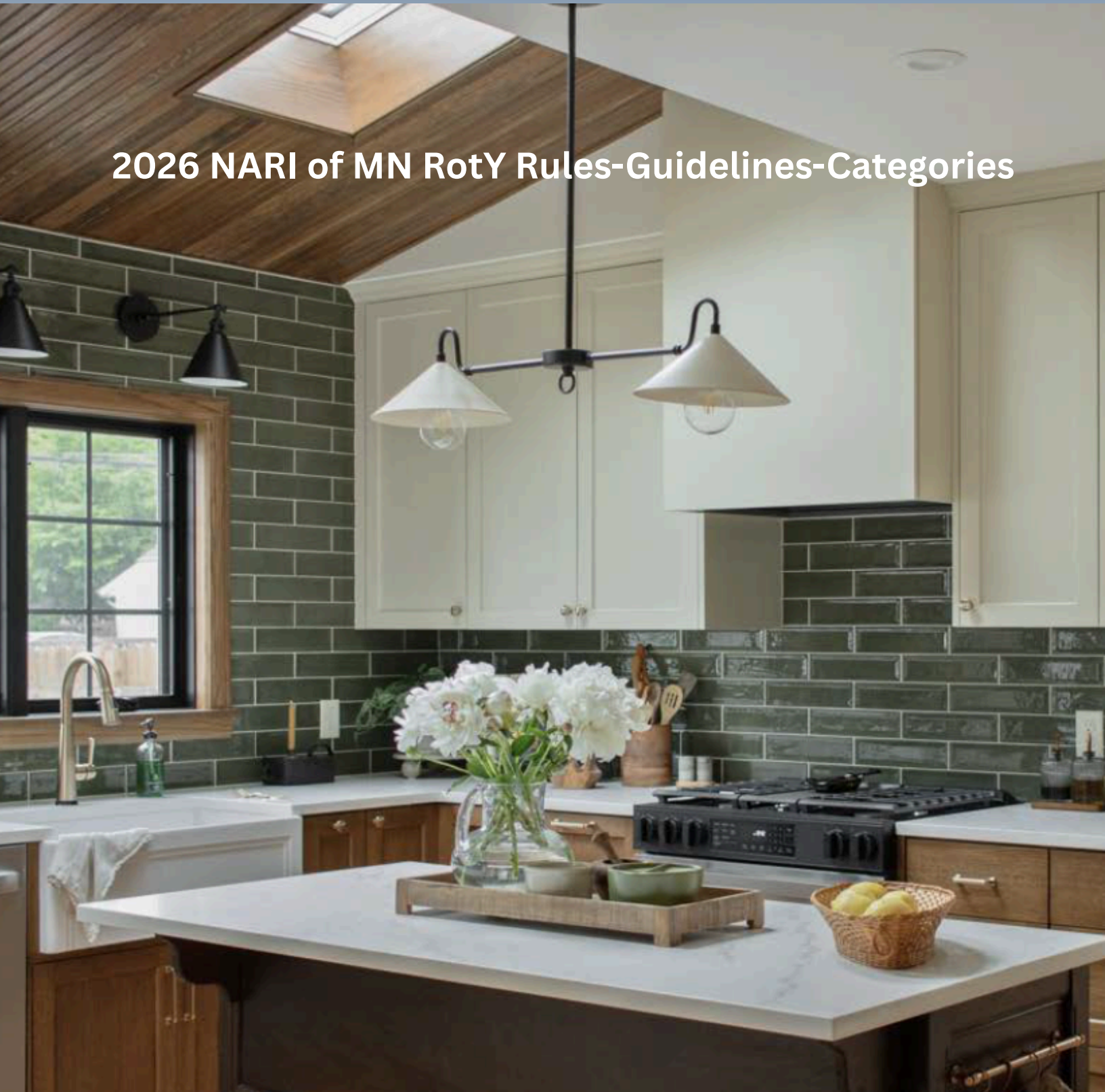



REMODELER OF THE YEAR
2026 AWARDS

2026 NARI of MN RotY Rules-Guidelines-Categories



AWARD CATEGORIES

KITCHENS

Kitchen Under \$50,000
Kitchen \$50,000 to \$100,000
Kitchen \$100,000 to \$150,000
Kitchen \$150,000 to \$200,000
Kitchen Over \$200,000

BATHS

Bath Under \$40,000
Bath \$40,000 to \$70,000
Bath \$70,000 to \$100,000
Bath \$100,000 to \$150,000
Bath Over \$150,000

RESIDENTIAL INTERIOR

Interior Under \$100,000
Interior \$100,000 to \$250,000
Interior \$250,000 to \$500,000
Interior Over \$500,000
Interior Feature Under \$50,000
Interior Feature \$50,000 and Over

ADDITION

Addition Under \$250,000
Addition \$250,000 to \$500,000
Addition Over \$500,000

RESIDENTIAL EXTERIOR

Exterior Under \$50,000
Exterior \$50,000 to \$100,000
Exterior \$100,000 to \$200,000
Exterior Over \$200,000

DETACHED

Detached Structure (Interior & Exterior)

ENTIRE HOUSE

Entire House Under \$250,000
Entire House \$250,000 to \$500,000
Entire House \$500,000 to \$750,000
Entire House \$750,000 to \$1,000,000
Entire House Over \$1,000,000

HISTORICAL

Renovation/Restoration Under \$250,000
Renovation/Restoration \$250,000 and Over

COMMERCIAL

Commercial Interior
Commercial Exterior

LANDSCAPE

Design/Outdoor Living Under \$100,000
Design/Outdoor Living \$100,000 to \$250,000
Design/Outdoor Living Over \$250,000

BASEMENT

Basement Under \$100,000
Basement \$100,000 to \$250,000
Basement Over \$250,000

UNIVERSAL DESIGN

Kitchen
Bath
Other

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE

Architectural Design Under 500 Sq. Ft.
Architectural Design Over 500 Sq. Ft.

RESIDENTIAL PROJECT

Residential Project Under \$25,000



DETAILS

You are invited to compete for the 2025 NARI Minnesota Remodeler of the Year (RotY) Awards. The RotY Awards recognize excellence in remodeling. Companies from one-person shops to the largest remodeling firms have reported that winning this award is a major factor in enhancing their image within the industry and with prospective customers and is a major morale booster for their employees. These guidelines will help you understand the categories for entry into the RotY competition, the judging procedure and the criteria on which entries will be reviewed. Remodeling project entries are judged on five criteria: meeting clients' objectives, functionality, aesthetics, craftsmanship, and innovation. Whether you are a seasoned participant or a first-time entrant, thoroughly read these easy steps for submitting an entry to the NARI MN Remodeler of the Year Awards competition.

HOW TO ENTER

Begin by visiting www.narimn.org/submit-a-rot-y. Read through the 2026 RotY Rules and click the 'Submit' button to begin your submission. Be sure to fill out the necessary forms for your submission, including the Photographers Release Form as well as the Contractor Agreement. Entry into the MN RotY awards competition is separate from the Regional and National competition. NARI National login required to submit in either local (MN) or Regional/National.

FEES

The fee is **\$245** per submission. If you have not submitted before, or have not submitted in over 5 years, your first submission is free.

DEADLINES & DATES

All entries must be submitted and paid for via the online submission portal by **11:59 PM on September 4th**

JUDGING

This year's judges are drawn from the NARI Milwaukee Chapter.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT

The "Summary of Project Section" in the online submission is where you can add language for your Master of Ceremonies Script to be read at the RotY Awards Banquet – In the event your project is chosen as a winner, the Master of Ceremonies will read a brief description of your project to the audience. Please provide a description of your project in 100 words or less. Descriptions may be edited without your approval.

ELIGIBILITY

Only NARI contractor members in good standing are eligible to enter. Entries must be submitted on or before **September 4th, 2026**. The project finish date must be between **December 1, 2024 and September 4, 2026**. All entrants' membership records will be checked to verify their classification as a contractor member. Projects not meeting this requirement may be brought to the RotY Committee for submission approval. Projects can only be from Minnesota or a border state. Therefore, only projects from MN, WI, IA, ND, and SD will be accepted.

PHOTOGRAPHY

All photography submitted becomes the property of NARI of MN and may be used in any marketing or promotional material including the NARI-MN website. Photos should not include people and should not have been altered.

Use an angle that is easily recognizable as for before-after locations.

GUIDELINES/ADDITIONAL TERMS

- **The RotY Committee reserves the right to subdivide categories based on the number of entries.**
- All submissions must be anonymous. Do not include your company name or logo anywhere in your submission. This includes photos, blueprints and drawings.
- Single Entrant Winner – A single entrant in a category may receive an award based on the overall average scores for the year's submissions.
- A contractor member company may enter multiple projects in multiple categories and may enter a maximum of two projects in the same category. If applicable, a project may be entered in multiple categories.
- If you have a large, multi-area project, and would like to enter just a portion of it, you may break it out and/or enter the entire project.
- Include information on your trade associate partners in the Other categories in the submission process. These partners will be considered eligible for the Pillar Award, the companion award for trade partners.

PILLAR AWARD SUBMISSIONS:

The Pillar Awards were established to honor our Trade Associate for their partnerships with our Remodeler members' winning RotY submissions. The Pillar Awards will be given to those Trade Associates who have submitted an application for a project that wins a RotY Award during this year's Gala.

Companies will be sent one invoice for all entries, payable upon receipt. **\$75** per entry.

Look for information in September on how to apply for a Pillar Award.

DETAILS

2026 DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 15

RotY Submissions Open

September 4

RotY Submissions Due by 11:59 PM

September 14-25

Submission Judging

September 21

Pillars Open

October 23

Pillars Close

October TBD

Day of Judging - MN Chapter

November 13

30th Annual RotY Gala

QUESTIONS?

Contact the NARI staff

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September 4th at 11:59 PM**

**NARI National Submissions Due:
TBD**

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