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FAQ

How can I become a sponsor?

Sponsors receive recognition across our marketing campaign and on-site visibility. To learn more, please contact Darwin Hudson, President-Elect, Vice President of Operations at voperations@pmimanitoba.org

We're a small organization. Can we realistically compete?

Yes. The 2026 POY Awards have been intentionally redesigned to recognize excellence across all project sizes and sectors. Projects are evaluated based on impact, leadership, and innovation, not budget size or organizational scale. Great projects happen everywhere in Manitoba.

Do we need to be PMI members to apply?

No. PMI membership is not required to submit a nomination. The POY Awards is open to all Manitoba-based projects.

Is there a submission fee?

No. Submission is completely free.

Our project wasn't a megaproject. Is it still eligible?

Absolutely. All project types and sizes are welcome, from community initiatives to corporate projects. If your project created meaningful impact, improved outcomes, or demonstrated strong leadership, it is eligible.

We don't have a professional marketing team. Will that hurt our chances?

No. Judges use a standardized scoring rubric focused on substance, not marketing polish. Clear, honest storytelling about your project's challenge, approach, and results is what matters most.

How much time will this take?

Most teams can complete the submission in a few focused working sessions. Teams may also find the process valuable for internal reflection and team recognition. You need:

- A 2,000-word maximum essay (12-point Arial, single-spaced)
- Up to 5 supporting images

What if we don't win?

Even being shortlisted elevates your organization's credibility. Finalists receive significant visibility and recognition, including:

- Public showcase on the POY webpage
- Finalist video exposure
- Two complimentary gala tickets
- Industry recognition among Manitoba's project community

Is the evaluation process fair?

Yes. The 2026 POY Awards have been designed specifically to strengthen credibility and inclusivity. To ensure fairness and transparency:

- Judges sign Conflict of Interest and Non-Disclosure agreements
- Standardized weighted scoring rubrics are used
- A diverse volunteer judging panel represents multiple industries
- Voting for People's Choice is validated by an Audit Lead

Can we nominate for more than one category?

Yes. You may submit separate nominations if your project meets the criteria for multiple categories.

What if we can't attend the gala?

Attendance is not required to win. If selected as a winner and unable to attend, you may:

- Provide a pre-recorded acceptance video
- Designate a proxy to accept the award