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## Want to Enter the COQ Awards Competition? Become a Certified COQ Property First

*Alexandria, Va., Aug. 24, 2021* — Before you can enter the NAHMA 2021 Communities of Quality (COQ) Awards, you must become a certified Community of Quality property through your local AHMA. Without the certification, you cannot enter this year's awards. The submission deadline for the NAHMA COQ Awards is Nov. 4. Download your [COQ Awards application](#) or learn about the [National COQ Recognition](#) program today.

To enter the awards competition, a property must first apply for and achieve national recognition as a NAHMA Community of Quality with a minimum score of 325 points on its [National COQ Recognition](#) application. The deadline for submitting a National COQ Recognition application to a [local AHMA](#) for consideration is Sept. 2. Properties that have already earned their National COQ Recognition should download the COQ Awards application today and start preparing their entry.

If your property initially received less than 325 points when your COQ National Recognition application was first submitted, you may elect to update the original application to earn more points if you have made improvements to your property. Review Step 1 in the How to Entry section of the COQ Awards [application brochure](#) to see how.

"The Communities of Quality Awards honor the achievements of affordable housing providers who make an unprecedented contribution to developing outstanding properties for families of modest means. NAHMA believes it is essential that outstanding affordable properties—and the individuals who maintain them—be publicly recognized for providing quality housing that offers a safe, healthy environment," Michael Simmons, NAHP-e, NAHMA president, said. "They are communities supplying essential programs and services for their residents. These awards bring well-deserved valuable attention to the important work we are all doing."

The COQ Awards recognize outstanding property management companies providing the highest quality of safe, affordable multifamily rental housing in communities across the country. Judging is based on a point system that takes into account your National COQ Recognition Program application and the required COQ Awards application essay. All affordable multifamily properties may compete—it doesn't matter how big or small your community may be, where it is located, or which affordable rental program it participates in (HUD, RD or LIHTC). To download a copy of the COQ Awards brochure, visit [https://www.nahma.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/COQ\\_brochure\\_2021-FINAL-1.pdf](https://www.nahma.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/COQ_brochure_2021-FINAL-1.pdf).

Detailed application information and submission materials for the NAHMA COQ National Recognition and COQ Awards programs are available on the NAHMA website, <https://www.nahma.org/awards-contests/communities-of-quality/>.

The COQ Awards competition has five categories:

- Exemplary Family Development

- Exemplary Development for the Elderly
- Exemplary Development for Residents with Special Needs
- Exemplary Development for Single Room Occupancy Housing
- Outstanding Turnaround of a Troubled Property

Management companies are invited to enter more than one category and/or multiple entries in a single category; however, each property may only be entered in one category.

Award winners will be notified in early January 2022. They will receive their awards in a special ceremony at the NAHMA Biannual Top Issues in Affordable Housing Winter Conference, March 9-11, 2022, in Washington, D.C.

This year's COQ Awards program is jointly sponsored by HD Supply Multifamily Solutions, a leading supplier of maintenance and renovation products to the multihousing industry, and Mohawk Industries, a leading global manufacturer that creates products to enhance residential and commercial spaces around the world.

An overview of the COQ program, along with the awards' detailed application information and submission materials are available at the NAHMA website at <https://www.nahma.org/awards-contests/communities-of-quality/awards/>. All COQ nationally recognized properties are eligible to highlight their accomplishments by using [Digital Smart Badges](#) on their properties' websites, enabling web visitors to see and validate their National COQ Recognition status through a simple "click and verify" process.

The AHMAs will also be honoring their local NAHMA Communities of Quality program participants. Please check your local AHMA's program details; a directory of the AHMAs is available on the NAHMA website, <https://www.nahma.org/membership/ahma-directory/>.

For more information about the COQ program and awards, contact Paulette Washington at 703-683-8630, ext. 110 or [pwashington@nahma.org](mailto:pwashington@nahma.org).

#### **About NAHMA**

NAHMA is the leading voice for affordable housing management, advocating on behalf of multifamily property managers and owners whose mission is to provide quality affordable housing. NAHMA supports legislative and regulatory policy that promotes the development and preservation of decent and safe affordable housing, is a vital resource for technical education and information and fosters strategic relations between government and industry. NAHMA's membership represents 75% of the affordable housing industry, and includes its most distinguished multifamily owners and management companies. Visit [www.nahma.org](http://www.nahma.org) for more information.

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