Vista Award Application Guide

Sponsored by the American Society for Health Care Engineering (ASHE), a Professional Membership Group of the American Hospital Association (AHA)

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be design professionals or individuals involved in the design and construction of health care facilities, including:

- Hospitals
- Ambulatory care facilities
- Long-term care facilities
- Medical office buildings

To be eligible:

- Projects must have been completed between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2024.
- A minimum of six (6) months post-occupancy or post-completion data is required.
- Only one project per category may be submitted from a single facility (multiple submissions from different facilities within a system or alliance are allowed).

Entries will be deemed ineligible if:

- Instructions or guidelines are not followed
- There is no team representation or facility support
- Watermarks or distracting graphics are included
- Commercial endorsements or testimonials are used
- The application is incomplete or submitted without payment

Preparing the Submission

Each award entry must be submitted in separate files per section.

Section I – General Information

All items are required:

- Completed official application form
- Team Members Form

- Must include one active ASHE member (membership for 1+ year)
- Include one owner representative and representatives from all primary team members
- Letter of support from the health care organization's CEO
- Project description including mission, vision, population served, and staff considerations
- One (1) high-resolution color photo of the facility exterior (for marketing use)

Section II – Team Approach

In 1,000 words max - Describe the formation and performance of your project team, highlighting:

- Pre-planning, development, and implementation
- Communication practices
- Alignment with strategic and master plans
- Time and financial management
- Commissioning efforts
- Community support
- Staff productivity
- Maintaining operations during construction
- Organizational realignment
- Delivery method

Section III – Team Challenges

In 1,000 words max - Share the story of your team's major challenges and how you overcame them:

- What could have derailed the project?
- How did the team adapt and solve critical problems?

Section IV – Post-Occupancy/Completion Evaluation

In 1,000 words max - Provide six months of post-completion data showing project outcomes in terms of:

1. Expected economic and operational achievements, including benchmarks and comparisons

2. Evaluation of:

- Space efficiency
- Environmental awareness
- Flexibility of design
- Cost accuracy (projected vs. actual)
- General aesthetics
- Patient and staff experience

Section V – Sustainability (NEW for 2026)

In 500 words max - Answer the following if applicable:

- Were there sustainability or efficiency initiatives?
  - What were the project's sustainability goals?
  - How were end users engaged to support those goals?

Section VI – Supporting Visual Documentation

- Submit no more than 10 visual elements (8½" x 11")
- Include site plans, floor plans, elevations, and photographs
- All photos must be high resolution (300 dpi)

Award Benefits

Winners will receive:

- One complimentary registration to the 2025 PDC Summit
- A team award presentation at the 2026 PDC Summit
- Exposure in the Architecture for Health Showcase
- Feature article in Health Facilities Management magazine and hfmmagazine.com

Additional Information

Judging Panel

- Comprised of experts in health care planning, design, and construction
- All decisions are final

Notification

- Winners will be notified in writing by December 31, 2025

Award Presentation

- Awards presented at the 2026 PDC Summit

Public Announcement

- ASHE will issue a formal press release before the PDC Summit

Disclaimers

- ASHE may modify the rules at any time without notice
- Submissions become ASHE property and will not be returned
- By submitting, participants grant ASHE/AHA rights to publish submitted materials
- ASHE is not responsible for lost, misdirected, damaged, or incomplete submissions

Submitting Your Entry

Entry Fee:

- $425 per submission (non-refundable)
- To request an invoice, email echorng@aha.org with:
  - Full name
  - Organization name
  - Organization address
  - Phone number

Note: Applications are not considered complete until payment is received.

Submission Deadline:

- September 1, 2025

Questions?

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