

2024 Quality & Ingenuity Awards

Submission & Award Information



1. How do I submit an entry?

QUALITY:

To submit an entry, please fill out an application and attach any related photos/documents and email qualityawards@maple.ca for consideration.

INGENUITY:

To submit an entry, please fill out an application and attach any related photos/documents and email ingenuityawards@maple.ca for consideration.

2. Who is eligible to submit an entry?

QUALITY:

- Project Quality Award: Any member of the project team for the nominated project is eligible to submit an entry. The project must have been closed between January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, to be considered.
- Department Quality Award: Any member of a department for the nominated department is eligible to submit an entry. Department examples are Accounting, Human Resources, Marketing, Estimating, IT, Enterprise Systems, etc.

INGENUITY:

- Project Ingenuity Award: Any member of the project team for the nominated project is eligible to submit an entry. The project must have been active between January 1, 2024, December 31, 2024, to be considered.
- Ingenuity Award: Any individual that would like to nominate an individual/department for an ingenuity is eligible to submit an entry. The ingenuity must have been created/implemented between January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, to be considered.

NOTE: Publications/Marketing and members of the Quality/Ingenuity Panel cannot be contacted for assistance with your entry/application (unless they're nominating/applying for themselves).

3. What is the difference between a Project Quality and Department Quality Award?

A **Project Quality Award** applies to projects only and will be awarded to a project that demonstrates the best application of Quality Management Principles.

A **Department Quality Award** applies to departments and will be awarded to a department that demonstrates the best application of Quality Management Principles.



4. What is the difference between a Project Ingenuity and Ingenuity Award?

A **Project Ingenuity Award** applies to projects only and will be awarded to a project that best demonstrates/embodies the power of ingenuity.

An **Ingenuity Award** applies to ideas/processes/methods that have been developed and implemented/measured through use/practice and will be awarded to a person/department that best demonstrates/embodies the power of ingenuity.

5. When is the deadline to submit an entry?

QUALITY & INGENUITY: The deadline to submit for both/either award is April 30, 2025. No entries will be accepted after this date.

6. How many awards are there?

QUALITY:

- One (1) National Project Quality Award
- One (1) National Department Quality Award

INGENUITY:

- Three (3) Regional Project Ingenuity Awards (BC, AB, ON)
 - NOTE: Not all Regions are subject to receiving an award. The awards are at the discretion of the judges and voters.
- One (1) Ingenuity Award
- One (1) National Project Ingenuity Award (selected from the Regional Project Award Winners)

7. Who is eligible to receive an Ingenuity and/or Quality award in this competition?

QUALITY:

- Project Quality Award: All team members of the awarded project are eligible to receive an award in this competition.
- Department Quality Award: All department members of the awarded department are eligible to receive an award in this competition.

INGENUITY:

- Project Ingenuity Award: All team members of the awarded project are eligible to receive an award in this competition.
- Ingenuity Award: All members involved in the creation/implementation of the ingenuity is eligible to receive an award in this competition.



8. Does a project/ingenuity have to be completed within the same year as the submission?

QUALITY:

- Project Award: The project must have been closed/completed between January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, to be considered.
- Department Award: N/A.

INGENUITY:

- Project Award: The project must have been active between January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, to be considered. Projects that are ongoing are acceptable.
- Ingenuity Award: The ingenuity must have been created and implemented between January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, to be considered. Ingenuities that are ongoing are acceptable but must be measurable to be considered.

9. How many times can I submit the same project/ingenuity?

QUALITY:

- Project Quality Award: Once. Duplicate entries will be ignored. Please ensure the project team selects a delegate to complete/submit the application to avoid duplication.
- Department Quality Award: Once. Duplicate entries will be ignored. Please ensure that the department selects a delegate to complete/submit the application to avoid duplication.

INGENUITY:

- Project Ingenuity Award: One unique entry per ingenuity within a project (a project may have multiple ingenuities). Duplicate entries for the same ingenuity within a project will be ignored. Please ensure the project team selects a delegate to complete/submit the application to avoid duplication.
- Ingenuity Award: An ingenuity may be nominated by multiple individuals. A self-nominated applicant can submit an entry only once.

10. Will I be able to edit my project/ingenuity after it has been submitted?

QUALITY & INGENUITY: If there is additional information that you would like to include with your entry, please reply to your entry email with the information before April 30, 2025. Anything submitted after this date will not be considered as part of your application.



11. How will the entries be judged?

QUALITY:

- **Project Quality Award:** Each entry will be judged based on their application, supporting documentation, and against KPIs for validity. The entries will be judged by the Quality Awards Panel and the winner will be selected by panel vote.
- **Department Quality Award:** Each entry will be judged based on their application, supporting documentation, and against KPIs for validity. The entries will be judged by the Quality Awards Panel and the winner will be selected by panel vote.

INGENUITY:

- **Project Ingenuity Award:**
 - **Regional:** Once all entries are received, the Ingenuity Awards Panel will review all for general compliance with award guidelines and minimum standards (refer to question 12) and remove any/all duplications. Once reviewed, the projects will be posted online for an internal company-wide vote. Voters will only be able to vote for projects outside of their own Region (e.g. ON voters can only vote for BC/AB projects, BC voters can only vote for ON/AB projects, etc.)
 - **National:** After the Regional winners are announced, they will automatically become finalists for the National Award. The Ingenuity Awards Panel will make the deciding vote for the National winner.
- **Ingenuity Award:**

Once all entries are received, the Ingenuity Awards Panel will review all for general compliance with award guidelines and remove any/all duplications. Once reviewed, the ingenuities will be posted online for an internal company-wide vote.

12. What are the minimum standards?

For an entry to qualify for voting, applicants must fully complete the submission form and each answer will be ranked out of 20 points. A total score of 70 or below will be disregarded. Scores above 70 will be put up for voting.

13. When will we find out if our project has won?

QUALITY:

- **Project Quality Award:** The award will be awarded on an annual basis and the winner will be announced in 2025, TBD.

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- Department Quality Award: The award will be awarded on an annual basis and the winner will be announced in 2025, TBD.

INGENUITY:

- Project Ingenuity Award:
 - The Regional Awards will be announced in 2025, TBD.
 - The National Award will be announced in 2025, TBD.
- Ingenuity Award:
 - The Ingenuity Award will be announced in in 2025, TBD.

14. What is the prize?

QUALITY:

- Project Quality Award:
The award winners will receive the following:
 - Plaque with project team name on Quality Awards Trophy,
 - Recognition via Maple Newsletter and LinkedIn Post,
 - 1000 Maple Points (for each project team member),
 - Custom Maple Gear, and
 - Lunch for the Project Team.
- Department Quality Award:
The winning department will receive the following:
 - Plaque with department team name on Quality Awards Trophy,
 - Recognition via Maple Newsletter and LinkedIn Post,
 - Custom Maple Gear, and
 - Lunch for the Department.

INGENUITY:

- Project Ingenuity Award:
 - Regional: The award winners will receive the following:
 - Plaque with project team name on Project Ingenuity Awards' Regional Trophies,
 - Recognition via Maple Newsletter and LinkedIn Post,
 - 1000 Maple Points (for each project team member),
 - Custom Maple Gear, and
 - Lunch for the Project Team.



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- National: The award winners will receive the following:
 - Plaque with project team name on Project Ingenuity Awards National Trophy,
 - Recognition via Maple Newsletter and LinkedIn Post,
 - \$500 donation to project team's charity of choice.
- Ingenuity Award:
The award winners will receive the following:
 - Plaque with individual's name (or team name) on Ingenuity Awards Trophy
 - Recognition via Maple Newsletter and LinkedIn Post,
 - 1000 Maple Points (for each ingenuity contributor/developer),
 - Custom Maple Gear, and
 - Lunch for the team or award winner.