

HOW TO ENTER THE SAISC STEEL AWARDS 2026

Entering the SAISC Steel Awards is simple, structured and fully supported, with clear steps from nomination through to judging.

Step 1: Check your project eligibility

Your project must:

- Have been completed in 2024 or 2025
- Demonstrate excellence in the use of steel
- Have engaged project team members willing to participate in interviews

Step 2: Submit your online nomination

Nominations Open: 10 February 2026
Nominations Close: 30 April 2026

Complete the online nomination form by:

- Providing project nominator details
- Providing key contacts details
- Providing a project name

A confirmation email will be sent once your nomination is submitted and received. At this stage, you are not required to prepare a full submission or presentation.

Step 3: Confirm payment

- An invoice will be issued after your nomination submission
- Payment confirms eligibility for judging
- Only paid nominations proceed to Step 4

Step 4: Prepare your project case study and team interview

When your invoice is issued, you will also receive a project details link to an online form. This form includes helpful guidance to assist you in providing the following:

- Steelwork specifications: Comprehensive technical details of the project
- Category selection: Choosing the appropriate award categories
- Team credits: Identifying key project team members

Project Team Interviews: 1 – 15 May 2026

This is where your project story comes to life for the judges.

Nominators are required to:

- Prepare a case study presentation using the official SAISC PowerPoint template
- Gather additional technical, visual and role-specific info from key project contributors
- Coordinate attendance of team members (engineer, architect, fabricator, etc.)
- Ensure availability for the judging interview process
- Participate in a recorded online project team interview

The SAISC team will guide you through this step, providing support with:

- Presentation templates
- Clear instructions on what information is required
- Interview scheduling and coordination support

You will not be expected to navigate this step on your own.

Step 5 Judging and site visits

Judging commences in May 2026. Selected shortlisted projects may be visited by judges:

- Gauteng: June 2026
- KZN and Cape Town: July 2026

Site visits are conducted at the judges' discretion and focus on execution quality and excellence.

Step 6: Steel awards gala event

The SAISC Steel Awards Gala Event takes place Thursday, 29 October 2026

Finalist projects are showcased and winners are announced at the SAISC Steel Awards Gala Event, celebrating excellence across the steel construction industry.

Additional information

Need help with your entry?

Preparing a Steel Awards submission can take time. Optional professional support is available through Nadia from Better-It Marketing, offering:

- Guidance on structuring your submission
- Alignment with judging criteria
- Checking accuracy, completeness and clarity

This service is optional and designed to help ensure your entry is confident and complete.

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