



## RULES & REGULATIONS

### **VOTING PERIOD.**

Voting begins at 12:00 A.M. CST on Thursday, January 1, 2026 and ends at 11:59 P.M. CST on Sunday, March 15, 2026 after which time the ballots will be closed and no further entries will be accepted.

### **VOTING METHOD.**

Voting is conducted via SurveyMonkey and is an open-ballot system. Readers can vote for any business in their respective community that fits the category list. One vote per category, per email address allowed.

### **PROMOTION.**

Living Magazine will advertise the voting period in print ads and digitally (email marketing, social media, and [LivingMagazine.net](http://LivingMagazine.net)), but will not promote specific businesses. Printed promotional voting materials are available upon request. To make sure every vote counts, use our complimentary "VOTE FOR US" cards or order personalized "VOTE FOR US" cards with all your voting information preprinted.

### **WINNER SELECTION.**

Votes will be tabulated at the conclusion of the voting period and verified for location and accuracy with regards to the category. Current or past clients of Living Magazine will not receive preferential treatment. The community will decide who wins the **2026 Best Of Readers' Choice** Awards. Winners can only win a maximum of two categories per market.

### **WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT.**

Winners will be contacted beginning Monday, June 2nd and formally announced in the August 2026 magazine editions of Living Magazine and online at [LivingMagazine.net](http://LivingMagazine.net).

### **AWARDS.**

No purchase necessary for winners to be listed in the **Best Of Showcase** for their community both in print and online. In addition to being listed in the **Best Of Showcase**, winners will receive complimentary digital marketing materials to use on their digital and social platforms. All winners are encouraged to purchase advertising and announcement products to highlight their **2026 Best Of Readers' Choice** Award. Official Living Magazine Best Of announcement products can only be purchased through Living Magazine.

### **DISCLOSURE.**

Living Magazine's **2026 Best Of Readers' Choice** Awards are electronically tabulated. The winners are determined as a direct result of the ballots received. Results do not reflect the opinion, views, or endorsement of Best Of.

### **COPYRIGHT NOTICE.**

Winners may not alter in any way, the **2026 Best Of** awards, badges, logos, or materials. All custom designed awards, badges, logos, or materials must be executed by a Living Magazine designer.

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