

J. Mitchell Graham/Barrett Lawrimore Awards and the COVID-19 Response and Resiliency Showcase

Rules and Requirements

1. Without exception, all applications must be submitted online or received at the SCAC office by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2021. If mailing your application, please send it to: SCAC, PO Box 8207, Columbia, SC 29202-8207. If using an express carrier, send it to SCAC, 1919 Thurmond Mall, Columbia, SC 29201. Only the written submission is due by this date. Any PowerPoint presentation and/or video file that will be used during the Awards Competition will be due a week prior to the competition.
2. Each county may submit one entry for the COVID-19 Response and Resiliency Showcase. The project entry must be submitted by the county and include a letter of support from the county council chairman or the county chief administrative officer.
3. Each county may submit one entry for the J. Mitchell Graham Award. The project entry must be submitted by the county and include a letter of support from the county council chairman or the county chief administrative officer.
4. Counties may submit multiple entries for the Barrett Lawrimore Award. If a county worked on a regional basis with another political subdivision (counties; county partnerships formed with a city, town, district, or councils of government), its project should be submitted as an entry for the Barrett Lawrimore Memorial Regional Award. When appropriate, judges reserve the right to change the award category of any application.
5. Each entry may address either a single project or two related projects. A project is considered to be a group of associated activities. An example of two related projects would be:
 - a. the construction of a parkway to reduce traffic congestion—including a comprehensive plan to mitigate its impact upon wetlands and cultural resources; and
 - b. an educational program to teach children about the area's culture and history that contains material and information from a study about the impact of the parkway.
6. Projects must be put into action or completed during the 2020-21 Fiscal Year; however, they may be initiated prior to this time period.
7. Barrett Lawrimore Award applications must include letters of support from the chief administrative officers of each participating political subdivision.
8. Each application should include a concise Project Description to explain the purpose and significance of the entry, and counties may provide additional materials to support their application. Please review the instructions for completing the Project Description and support materials carefully to be sure your application addresses the judging criteria and is formatted correctly. Judges may deduct points for entries that do not adhere to the rules and requirements.

9. Applicants who meet the deadline and all requirements will be scheduled to present their projects during the awards competition. A representative from the county submitting the entry must participate in the presentation.

Each entrant will provide a 10-minute presentation, followed by a brief period for judges' questions. Judges may deduct points for presentations that do not adhere to the 10-minute presentation time.

Visual presentation files that will be used for county presentations (Powerpoint slides, MP4 video files, etc.) are due June 1 by 5 p.m.

10. The J. Mitchell Graham/Barrett Lawrimore Awards Competition and COVID-19 Response Showcase will be held on June 8, 2021 at SCETV, located at 1041 George Rogers Blvd, Columbia, SC. County entrants will deliver in-person presentations to the panel of judges, and the event will be livestreamed to a remote county audience.
11. Nothing may be given to the judges during the competition. The judges will only consider the Project Description and support materials received by the deadline and the presentation.