



**Natalie Belmonte
Great Yards Award Contest Application**

STAFF USE

Nominee/Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Neighborhood or Subdivision: _____

Describe the nominated area: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> District 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> District 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> District 4 |

Contact Person

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Requirements:

Please attach a **survey** or **map** of your property with the area entered in the competition clearly highlighted along with **up to 10 photographs** (or submit a digital copy) that represent your property's landscaping.

Photos may not be returned. Submitted photos may be used by the City. Additional photos/video may be taken by the City Staff to display and promote the contest.

I, _____, have read and agree to the rules. I agree to the regulations of the contest and understand City staff may enter and view the nominated property, both front and back yards for the purpose of the judging of the Natalie Belmonte Great Yards Award Contest.

Property Owner Signature

Date

Nominee Signature (if applicable)

Date

<p>Applications may be sent via US Mail to: Planning & Economic Development Department Attn: Natalie Belmonte Great Yards Award Contest 601 City Center Way 3rd Floor Pembroke Pines, FL 33025</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted in person Monday thru Thursday between 7am & 5:30pm at City Hall in the: Planning & Economic Development Department 601 City Center Way 3rd Floor Pembroke Pines, FL 33025</p>
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Contest Rules and Regulations



Any person may enter their property or nominate another property for award consideration in the Natalie Belmonte Great Yards contest as long as the property is located within City boundaries.

The contest will be judged based on five components for the aesthetics, design and maintenance of a butterfly garden. There will be one winner for each district and one City wide winner. Judging will be performed by the Environmental Advisory Board. All decision(s) of the Environmental Advisory Board and the City shall be final. Awards will be present at a City Commission meeting by the Mayor and City Commission in the month of May, in the Spirit of Mother's day and to honor Natalie Belmonte on her birthday month. Deadline for all submittals is **April 3rd 2023**. All applications must be submitted via US Mail or in person. Application and/or photos received after the deadline and incomplete submittals will not be considered.

I hereby acknowledge and understand that by submitting any entry to the City of Pembroke Pines ("City") in response to the "Natalie Belmonte Great Yards Award" contest that I have the authority to transfer any rights, ownership, interest, and license in each submission, including photographic negatives and positives, to the City of Pembroke Pines, and hereby transfer all such rights, ownership, interest, and licenses in each submission to the City. The contestant acknowledges and certifies that he/she has obtained and transfers any and all applicable release for any person, including children whose image is taken within each submission to the City. Each submission shall become the sole and exclusive property of the City without compensation or limitation where the City may use, reproduce, copy, and distribute any submission.

Furthermore, the Contestant agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City, its officers agents, employees and contractors, and the members of the Environmental Advisory Board, from and against any and all loss, damage, claim, demand, liability, or expense, including negligence, investigation costs and reasonable attorney's fees and costs, by reason of any damage or injury to person or property which may be claimed to have arisen or in connection with the "Natalie Belmonte Great Yards Award" contests, including, but not limited to, the submission of any entry, use of any photograph or video either submitted or taken by a City employee, and the subsequent judging, including but not limited to, entry upon the contestant's property. This obligation shall survive the termination of the "Natalie Belmonte Great Yards Award" contest and nothing in this release shall be interpreted as a waiver of the City's sovereign immunity as set forth in Section 768.82, Florida Statutes.

Signature

Date

Scoring Components

The five scoring components for each property are:

1. Butterfly component:

This area judges the preservation of all stages of a butterfly's life. It should supply food and shelter with the proper selection of plants. (sage, lavender, milkweed, goldenrod, firebush, penta... are some suggested plants).

2. Design and function:

This area judges the overall design, use of texture, compatibility of materials, continuity, balance, and the overall function of the landscape in correlation to the use of the property.

3. Maintenance:

The focus on this section will be the overall view of the property's landscape maintenance. The judges will be looking to see that the planter beds are kept weed free, edged, and that mulching and fertilization is kept up.

4. Florida Friendly Value:

The use of low-maintenance plants and environmentally sustainable practices.

5. Use of Hardscapes:

This section judges the use of non-living additions to finish a landscape, such as fountains, ponds, statues, boulders, decks, mulch, stones, etc.