

2026 Home Plan Contest Requirements

Plans Due:
April 17, 2026
3:00 PM

Take your experience and interest in home plan design and turn it into cash! The Brown County Home Builders Association offers financial rewards to contest winners in the categories below:



First Year

All first year students are eligible to participate.

Scope of Design:

A. Your clients are a family of four including 2 kids under the age of 12. They also have a pet dog! The family likes to entertain large groups of family and friends. They are looking for more space in this new home. Your goal is to meet your clients' needs!

1. A plan of the family's 1,302 sq. ft. current, starter home is provided. Please keep this plan in mind as you design this family's new, larger home. We have also provided examples of homes that would work with the new requirements.

B. The family has purchased a lot that is 100 ft. wide by 130 ft. deep. Local zoning requires that you maintain a 30 ft. setback in the front and rear and 10 ft. setback for each side. The maximum buildable area requirements are 80 ft. wide x 70 ft. deep.

C. Must be an original design. No copyright!

D. Home to be a Ranch Style or 2-Story.

E. Ranch = 2,400 sq. ft. 2-Story = 3,000 sq. ft. maximum

F. Square footage does not include the garage or basement.
Garage can include a 2 or 3 stall design.

G. Required Living Space (minimum):

- ☐ Great Room or Living Room
- ☐ Kitchen
- ☐ Dining Room or Dinette
- ☐ Primary Bedroom
- ☐ Primary Bathroom
- ☐ Two (2) Secondary Bedrooms
- ☐ One (1) Full Bath
- ☐ Half Bath
- ☐ Laundry

Required Drawings (First & Second Year):

- ☐ Submissions must be printed on at least 24" x 36" paper
- ☐ Floor Plan(s) 1/4" scale, 2' x 6' exterior wall, 2' x 4' interior wall
- ☐ Lower Level Plan/Foundation Plan 1/4" scale, concrete walls
- ☐ Front, back and sides exterior elevations must be illustrated (3-D perspective drawings optional)
- ☐ Cross Section 1/4" scale
- ☐ All drawings to include:
 - ☐ Interior & Exterior Dimensions
 - ☐ Room Names
 - ☐ Cabinet Plan View (included on floor plan)
 - ☐ Window & Door Sizes
 - ☐ Plumbing/Appliances Fixtures
 - ☐ Overall finished sq. ft. labeled per floor

Options:

1. Lower level can be designed as additional finished living space, and may or may not include exposed exterior walls including look-out or walk-out configuration. (This area does not count against square footage requirement).
2. Office/Working Space (could be a room dedicated to work or even nook tucked in somewhere for working space).

****Use the requirements as a checklist before submitting your plan. All submissions must include school name, student name, category and pages stapled together.***

Second Year

All second year students are eligible to participate.

**A second year student must have completed at least one architecture course prior to submitting a second year plan.*

Scope of Design:

A. Must be an original design. No copyright!

B. Home to be a Ranch Style or 2-Story.

C. No maximum square feet.

D. Square footage does not include the garage or basement.
Garage can include a 2 or 3 stall design.

E. Required Living Space (minimum):

- ☐ Great Room or Living Room
- ☐ Kitchen
- ☐ Primary Bedroom
- ☐ One (1) Full Bath

Awards: Award values may vary based on the quality and quantity of entries. \$1,500 in total will be awarded.