

2026 Manufacturing Leadership Awards



SAMPLE NOMINATION FORM – NEXT-GENERATION LEADERSHIP

FOR EXTERNAL PR/MARKETING FIRMS NOMINATING A MANUFACTURING CLIENT

This sample nomination form for the Manufacturing Leadership Awards can be used as a reference for gathering required information to complete an entry for external PR/marketing firms that are nominating an individual from a manufacturing client. **All nominations must be created and submitted through the online awards portal at <https://manufacturingleadership.awardsplatform.com>.**

Limit one (1) individual per nomination. The nominee's name and company will be announced if they are selected as a winner. **All other information submitted on this nomination form is strictly confidential.**

Category Description

This category honors remarkable manufacturing professionals who have less than 10 years of manufacturing operations career experience as of December 31, 2025. Finalists embody the leadership qualities required in the Manufacturing 4.0 era. They pioneer and execute winning strategies, inspire and manage high-performing teams, and raise awareness of the positive impacts of manufacturing on society.

Section 1: Manufacturing Company Information

Verification Statement

I verify that I am providing direct contact information for the nominated individual and that the individual has consented to this nomination. (Notice: A YES statement is required for this entry to meet eligibility requirements. This statement will be confirmed with the nominated individual.)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Tenure Requirement for Next-Generation Leadership Award

I verify that the individual nominated for this award has 10 years or less of manufacturing operations career experience as of December 31, 2025. (Note: Individuals who do not meet this requirement are eligible for the Digital Transformation Leadership category.)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Manufacturing Company Information (Nominee's Employer)

Manufacturing Company Name:			
Headquarters Address:			
City:	State/Province:	Zip/Postal Code:	Country:
HQ phone:			
Website:			
Company X (formerly Twitter) URL:			
Company LinkedIn URL:			

Number of employees: Please select one.

☐ 5,000 or more

☐ 1,000-5,000

☐ 500-1,000

☐ 100-500

☐ Less than 100

Annual Revenues: Please select one. Note: This information is kept strictly confidential and is only used as a data point for tracking entries by company size. For project nominations, this data is used in consideration for identifying small/medium enterprises and large enterprises for Manufacturer of the Year award candidates.

☐ Over \$10 billion

☐ \$1 billion - \$10 billion

☐ \$500 Million - \$1 Billion

☐ \$100 Million - \$500 Million

☐ Under \$100 Million

☐ Confidential

What does this company manufacture and what is its industry sector? _____

Manufacturing Company Communications/PR Contact Information: List an individual at the manufacturing company who can assist with communications/PR and any marketing or promotional efforts.

PR Contact Name:	Title:
Company:	
Phone:	E-mail:

Awards Coordinator Contact Information: If the manufacturing company has an Awards Coordinator, please list contact information below.

Awards Coordinator Name:	Title:
Company:	
Phone:	E-mail:

Section 2: PR/Marketing Firm Information

PR/Marketing Firm Contact Information: Primary contact at the PR/Marketing firm that is submitting this nomination. This individual should be able to answer detailed questions about this nomination and will also receive award status notification e-mails. The contact information provided must be directly for an individual at the partner company – email addresses for general inboxes and/or general business (main switchboard) phone numbers will not be accepted. Nominations that do not include this information will be disqualified with no refund of entry fees.

PR/Marketing Contact Name:	Title:
Company:	
Phone:	E-mail:
Website:	
Company Twitter URL:	Company LinkedIn URL:

Alternate PR/Marketing Contact Information: List a second contact at the PR/Marketing firm for this nomination. This contact will receive award status notification e-mails. This must be direct contact information for an individual at the partner company – email addresses for general inboxes and/or main switchboard phone numbers without extensions will not be accepted. Nominations that do not include this information will be disqualified with no refund of entry fees.

Alternate PR/Marketing Contact Name:	Title:
Company:	
Phone:	E-mail:

Section 3: Contact Information for Individual Nominations

Award Nominee Contact Information: Contact information for the individual being nominated.

Award Nominee Name:		Title:	
Company:			
Address:			
Address Line 2 (Optional) (Suite number, mail stop, etc.):			
City:	State:	Zip/Postal Code:	Country:
Phone:		E-mail:	
Nominee LinkedIn profile (optional):			

Award Sponsor Contact Information: Individual from the nominee's manufacturing organization who is sponsoring this nomination or who can act as a reference for the nominated individual.

Award Sponsor Name:	Title:
Company:	
Phone:	E-mail:

Section 4: Nominee Information

1. Describe this individual's professional achievements so far and potential for the future. How has this individual been a driving force behind a team, company, or community?
2. How has this individual successfully promoted ideas and led projects that embodied innovation and new ways of thinking?
3. In what way could this individual's achievements be seen as influential for the manufacturing industry and in enhancing the perception of the industry's value?
4. How has this individual played a role in creating unique organizational models or teams that took a collaborative approach to solving problems or created new ways of doing things?
5. Provide a brief biography or CV of this nominated individual. Include details on education, career history, and any awards or recognition they have received.