

Nomination Requirements and Details



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REASONS TO NOMINATE

- Align your company with the state's first and premier innovation awards program that is supported by a host of leading organizations and business leaders.
- Position your company or organization in front of leading innovators and business leaders from Salt Lake and the surrounding business areas.
- Increase the business community's awareness of your company's name, brand and services.
- Provide exclusive opportunities for your organization leaders and representatives to network with leading innovators and business leaders from the community.

INNOVATION AREAS

Innovations from ALL industries, and in all areas of technology and business are eligible for consideration if they meet the eligibility requirements (See Qualifying Innovations below). When submitting a nomination, nominators are invited to create a classification that best fits their nomination, or select from past year's classifications on the nomination form.

A final determination of the classification area/category names will be decided by program organizers based on the pool of nominations. Past categories have included:

- Clean Technology and Energy
- Computer Hardware | Electrical Devices
- Consumer Software (Including Social Media and Mobile Apps)
- Enterprise Software, Cloud and Big Data
- Life Science: Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical
- Life Science: Medical Device
- Mechanical Systems | Chemicals | Manufacturing
- Outdoor and Consumer Products

New to this year

- Community Innovation
- Professional Services

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JUDGING

A Selection Committee comprised of approximately 80 professionals from Utah's business, technology and academic communities, all with experience pertaining to one of the program's categories, carefully review the nominations during a three-week evaluation process. During this process, each Selection Committee member also reviews nominations in a subcommittee pertaining to his/her area of expertise. In the event that conflicts exist between Selection Committee members and nominations, members will provide full disclosure to the rest of the committee, and then refrain from voting in the category in which the nomination is being judged. Following the evaluation process, each Selection Committee members will vote on ALL nominations submitted in EACH category (except on categories in which a nomination is being judged to which he/she has a direct tie). As many as three finalists (one being the winner) will be announced.

- Innovations not named as finalists may be eligible to receive an Honorable Mention. Selection Committee members' votes are tabulated by a certified public accountant. While Stoel Rives organizes the program, no one from the firm votes. All nominees will be notified by the middle of March.
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SUBMISSION PROCESS FOR NEW NOMINATION

- Nominations must be submitted online via the online form.
- Nominations must include company/entity logo and at least three photos of the innovation or innovating team (in a high resolution JPEG format).
- Additional materials are encouraged and welcomed such as marketing brochures, news articles, diagrams and client testimonials (in Word or PDF format).
- Nominators are welcome to mail in product prototypes or samples. All mailed materials must be received by end of business day **Friday, February 1, 2019.**
- All materials can be uploaded through the online form.

SUBMISSION PROCESS FOR PAST NOMINATIONS

Nominations submitted in previous year that were NOT named as a winner, are eligible to be resubmitted. The nomination form provides an option for past nominations to be reconsidered using the previously submitted nomination form.

However, nominators will need to upload all background materials, and a logo and innovation images.

Nominators are strongly encouraged to provide program organizers with an update on the innovation.

If the innovation has substantially changed since the last submission, we strongly encourage nominees to submit a new nomination form.

QUALIFYING INNOVATIONS

Qualified Innovations must meet the following criteria:

1. The innovation must be created or a primary portion of the work on the innovation must have been performed by a Utah-based company (at a Utah location or elsewhere).
2. The innovation must have been recently developed. Because many innovations do not have a clear-cut beginning or end in its evolution, the organizers have chosen not to set a definitive time frame on the entry's creation.
3. The innovation cannot be a previous winner. Nominations for innovations named as finalists may be resubmitted.
4. Innovations from academic entities **MUST** be in the commercialization stage.

Confirmation of Nomination Receipt

Once a nomination form has been submitted online, the nominator and CEO of the innovating entity or company will receive an email confirming the nomination has been received.

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