



THE STEVIE® AWARDS FOR  
**TECHNOLOGY  
EXCELLENCE**

# 2026 ENTRY KIT

3rd Annual Stevie® Awards for Technology Excellence



# WELCOME

We invite your organization to submit nominations to the 2026 (3rd annual) Stevie® Awards for Technology Excellence. This program recognizes the world's best technology professionals, organizations, achievements, products and services shaping the future of technology across all industry sectors.

All organizations and individuals worldwide are eligible to submit nominations to the Stevie Awards for Technology Excellence: large and small, public and private, for-profit and non-profit.

The Stevie Award trophy, the prize that is conferred in the Stevie Awards for Technology Excellence and all other Stevie Award programs, is one of the world's most coveted prizes. Many of the world's largest and most famous organizations have won Stevie Awards. Most of our winners each year are small and midsize organizations that are still growing and building their brands, however.

This booklet explains how to prepare and submit nominations to the Stevie Awards for Technology Excellence. The first important step to entering is to review the categories and to choose the categories in which you'll participate. You'll find entirely new category groups for Sports, Fitness, and Recreation Technology, Construction & Civil Engineering Technology and Retail & E-Commerce Technology. We encourage you to explore them.

Eligibility extends from January 1, 2024, through the date on which you submit your nominations. Nominations that won in the 2025 Stevie Awards for Technology Excellence may be resubmitted for consideration in the 2026 awards. If they have not been updated, they must be submitted to categories different from those in which they won.

In these pages you will find explanations of the submission requirements for all of these categories, and an outline of how to submit your entries through our website at [Tech.StevieAwards.com](https://Tech.StevieAwards.com). All of this information is also available on the website.

The Gold, Silver, and Bronze Stevie Award winners will be announced on July 23 and celebrated during a gala event in Paris, France on Wednesday, October 28. Attendance is not required to win.

We hope your organization will submit entries to the 2026 Stevie Awards for Technology Excellence. Please don't hesitate to contact us with your questions about how to participate.

Cordially,

**MAGGIE MILLER**

*President, The Stevie® Awards*



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# 2026 CALENDAR

<b>APRIL 9, 2026</b>	<b>Webinar:</b> Entry Tips for the 2026 Stevie® Awards for Technology Excellence
<b>APRIL 16, 2026</b>	<b>Early-bird entry deadline</b> , with discounted entry fees
<b>MAY 14, 2026</b>	<b>Primary entry deadline</b> , late fees apply after this date
<b>MAY 20, 2026 - JULY 16, 2026</b>	<b>Judging of the 2026 Awards</b>
<b>JUNE 11, 2026</b>	<b>Final entry deadline</b> , with payment of late fee
<b>JULY 22, 2026</b>	<b>Winners notified</b>
<b>JULY 23, 2026</b>	<b>Winners publicly announced</b>
<b>OCTOBER 28, 2026</b>	<b>Awards banquet</b> Pullman Paris Montparnasse, Paris, France



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# THE 2025 AWARDS

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## SELECTION OF 2025 WINNERS

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FayMore  
Energy, Oil & Power Solutions

Quinnox  
accelerate success

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WATER & ELECTRICITY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

SAVANT

ThoughtData

TRANE  
TECHNOLOGIES

Walmart

WELLS  
FARGO

Zobie

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# STEVIE® AWARDS FOR TECHNOLOGY EXCELLENCE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For all categories in the Stevie Awards for Technology Excellence, entries will consist of four main components. You may submit either written or video content in your chosen categories and optional supporting materials to help judges get the full picture of your achievements and verify claims made in the entry. Video entries should include all components an entry requires, as seen below.

## In all categories, each entry must include:

1. Written answers to the following questions, describing the nominated achievements since January 1, 2024, OR a video of up to five (5) minutes in length that answers all of the same questions:
  - a. Briefly describe the nominated organization: its history and past performance (up to 1,300 characters). When nominating an individual person, provide this information about the nominee's employer.  
*Required*
  - b. Outline the achievements since the beginning of 2024 that you wish to bring to the judges' attention (up to 1,600 characters). In the new product and service categories, outline the features, functions, benefits, and novelty of the product or service. In the Lifetime Achievement category this eligibility window doesn't apply - you may describe the nominee's lifetime of accomplishment. *Required*
  - c. Explain why the achievements you have highlighted are unique or significant. If possible, compare the achievements to the performance of other players in your industry and/or to the organization's past performance (up to 1,600 characters). *Required*
  - d. Reference any attachments of supporting materials throughout this nomination and how they provide evidence of the claims you have made in this nomination (up to 1,500 characters). *Optional*
2. Optional (but highly recommended), add to your entry up to 10 webpage links and/or document uploads to support your case to the judges. These might be press articles, press releases, videos, work samples, internal or external reviews, or employee feedback, for example.

*Nominations that won in the 2025 competition may be resubmitted for consideration in the 2026 awards. If they have been updated with recent achievements, they may be submitted to the same categories in which they won. If they have not been updated, they must be submitted to categories different from those in which they won.*

## ENTRY TIPS

- Give each nomination a clear and concise nomination title
- Add at least one supporting link or attachment. Judges want to see that you've made the effort to back up the claims of achievement made in your nomination. Not all claims can be verified, but do the best you can to show support. We recommend submitting no more than 10 supporting links or attachments.
- You may submit the same entry content in multiple categories, as long as the categories' requirements are identical.



# AWARDS PROCESS

Judging of entries is conducted in one round, from May 20 to July 16, 2026, to determine the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Stevie® Award winners. Judges are recruited worldwide, apply to judge on the Stevie Awards for Technology Excellence [website](#), and are assigned to juries by Stevie Awards staff based on their industry, function, and experience.

Each entry is reviewed and rated by no fewer than five (5) volunteer judges who have been approved as qualified (by Stevie Awards staff) to judge those entries. All entries are viewed and rated at the judges' convenience online. Rating is done on a scale of 1-10.

All entries that receive an average score of at least 8.0 out of a possible 10, regardless of category, are automatically conferred Stevie Award status. Entries with average scores of 7.75 – 7.99 may be conferred awards status at the discretion of Stevie Awards administration, but are not guaranteed awards placement.

Every category that has at least one qualifying entry (with a final average score of at least 8.0/10) will have at least one Gold Stevie Award winner. The qualifying entry with the highest average score in a category will be awarded the Gold Stevie Award. The top 45% of other qualifying entries will be accorded Silver Stevie status. The remaining 55% of qualifying entries will be accorded Bronze Stevie Award status.

The veracity of claims made in Finalist entries may be audited. Any entry found to contain false or misleading information will be disqualified. Gold Stevie-winning entries will be published on the Stevie Awards for Technology Excellence website, after winners have had the opportunity to redact non-public information from them.

**If you would like to apply to participate in the judging process, [log in to your Stevie Awards account \(or create one\)](#), choose **STEVIE AWARDS FOR TECHNOLOGY EXCELLENCE** from the Program pulldown menu, then click the APPLY TO JUDGE button. If your application is accepted you will be able to participate at your convenience online. You can still be a judge and submit entries - you won't be assigned categories in which you're an entrant.**

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## DETERMINATION OF GRAND STEVIE AWARD WINNERS



The organization that wins the most Gold, Silver and Bronze Stevie Awards will be presented with the Grand Stevie Award for **Organization of the Year**. The winner will be determined by total points won, with a Gold Stevie win counting for three (3) points, a Silver Stevie win for two (2) points, and a Bronze Stevie win for one-and-a-half (1.5) points.

The nomination with the highest average score from the professional judges will be conferred a Grand Stevie Award as the **Highest-rated Nomination of the Year**.



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# HOW TO ENTER

Visit the website at [tech.stevieawards.com](https://tech.stevieawards.com) or click the **READY? ENTER NOW** button at the bottom of any page in this kit.

Complete the registration form to create the account in which you'll submit your nominations, or log in to your existing account, if you already have one.

Within your entry-submission account, select Stevie® Awards for Technology Excellence from the program drop-down in the top right of your screen.

Follow the instructions to create and save your first entry. Repeat the process as necessary to create and save additional entries.

When you've created all of the entries you will submit, click the check boxes next to their titles, then click the **SUBMIT SELECTED NOMINATIONS** button to begin the submission process.

Review and agree to the Terms and Conditions of Entry, and choose how to pay your entry fees.

## SUBMIT NOMINATIONS IN ANY OF 30+ LANGUAGES

**New for 2026**, we have a translation tool built into our entry system. You may submit written nominations in any of 30+ languages, and our system will translate them to English for our judges to review and score. Please note that only your written submission will be translated, not any supporting material uploads or links. All judging will be done in English, and judges will be told that a translation tool may have been used.



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# ENTRY FEES

Early-bird entry fees are as follows:

- U.S. \$295 per entry in the categories that recognize individuals (Lifetime Achievement and Executive of the Year), with the exception of Employee of the Year, which is free.
- U.S. \$520 per entry in the categories that recognize entire organizations, teams, achievements, products and services, with the exception of Educational or Research Institution of the Year, which is free.

Entry fees will rise \$45/entry after the April 16 early-bird deadline. Entries may still be submitted after the primary deadline of May 14, up through June 11, but a late fee of \$55/entry will be assessed in addition to the entry fee. This will also apply to the categories that were previously free.

If appropriate, an entry may be entered in multiple categories; and the fees are due for each category entered. Each entry will be judged separately in each category entered. Entries submitted in multiple categories are eligible to win multiple awards.

Payment may be made by credit card, check, or wire transfer. We accept American Express, Mastercard, and Visa. Payment by check must be made in U.S. dollars by check or draft drawn on a U.S. bank payable to Stevie Awards, Inc. Non-U.S. bank checks will be returned. Please note the name of the entering organization on your check or draft.

There are no other costs associated with entering and winning in Stevie Awards competitions. Attending the awards ceremony or paying fees to be shipped your awards are optional. Winners do not need to do either to be in good standing.

**No refunds will be made after May 14, 2026.**



# 2026 CATEGORIES

The 2026 Stevie® Awards for Technology Excellence feature more than 300 categories.

[ADVERTISING, MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES](#)



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[ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES](#)



[ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CATEGORIES](#)



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[BIOTECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES](#)



[BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES](#)



[COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES](#)



[CONSTRUCTION & CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES \(NEW FOR 2026\)](#)



[EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES](#)



[ENERGY TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES](#)



[ENTERTAINMENT TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES](#)



[FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES](#)



[GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES](#)



[GREEN & CLEAN TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES](#)



[HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES](#)



[INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES](#)



[MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES](#)



[MARINE TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES](#)



[RETAIL & E-COMMERCE TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES \(NEW FOR 2026\)](#)



[SPORTS, FITNESS & RECREATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES \(NEW FOR 2026\)](#)



[TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES](#)



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# HEAR FROM PAST WINNERS

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Receiving the Stevie Lifetime Achievement Award in Artificial Intelligence is a tremendous honor that reflects the innovative spirit and dedication of both myself and my team at Adobe. This recognition motivates us to continue pushing the boundaries of AI, creating impactful solutions that drive the future of marketing and business.

**SAI KUMAR ARAVA,**  
Manager, Machine Learning & AI,  
Adobe Systems,  
United States

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Winning the Stevie® Award for Technology Excellence underscores our commitment to constantly innovating and improving how we deliver solutions. This recognition will further inspire us to keep up our efforts on continuous improvement that drives us to achieve greater heights.

**KAMRAN SHAIKH,**  
Co-Founder, Director,  
EnFuse Solutions Ltd.,  
India

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Winning a Stevie Award is a proud milestone for our team at Telgoo5. It affirms our commitment to building future-ready telecom solutions that empower MVNOs to launch, scale, and succeed faster than ever before. This recognition fuels our momentum to keep innovating and pushing industry boundaries.

**SANDY MEHRA,**  
CEO,  
Telgoo5,  
United States

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# TIPS TO SUBMIT WINNING NOMINATIONS

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## Subscribe to the Free Stevie® Awards Email Newsletter

Stay up to date on entry deadline extensions, new categories, and other important announcements by subscribing to the weekly Stevie Awards email newsletter. We respect your privacy and will never share your email address with anyone else. [Click here](#) to subscribe.

## Register for our Live Informational Webinar | April 9 at 11:00 am ET

[Click here](#) to register for our webinar about how to prepare successful nominations and learn more about what is new and different in the 2026 competition. The webinar will be available to watch on demand anytime after it airs live.

## Determine Who or What You Want to Nominate, and in Which Categories

Decide which individuals, departments, teams, achievements, solutions, or implementations in your organization you wish to nominate, then select the most appropriate categories for those entries. For help with category selection, fees, or other questions, contact us at +1 703-547-8389 or [help@stevieawards.com](mailto:help@stevieawards.com).

## Submit Your Entries By the Entry Deadline

The early-bird entry deadline is April 16, 2026, through which entry fees are discounted. The primary entry deadline will be May 14, 2026. Late entries will be accepted through June 11, 2026 with payment of a \$55 late fee per entry.



# RULES, TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The following are the terms and conditions of entry to the 2026 Stevie® Awards for Technology Excellence. By submitting entries to the competition, you assent that you have read and agree to abide by these terms and conditions.

## [ENTRY FEES](#)

## [ACCEPTANCE OF STEVIE AWARDS CORRESPONDENCE](#)

## [MAINTENANCE OF YOUR ENTRY ACCOUNT INFORMATION](#)

## [FINAL DECISION](#)

## [PAYMENT OF SHIPPING FEES](#)

## [PUBLICATION OF STEVIE-WINNING ENTRIES](#)

## [NOTICE OF FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY AT THE BANQUET](#)

## [IDENTIFY VERIFICATION](#)

**Failure to comply with these Terms & Conditions will render your entries ineligible. Entry fees will not be refunded.**



# ENTRY PREPARATION TIPS

## 1 Write Your Entries Offline Before Submitting Them

Write your entries offline to keep a permanent record. Then, submit them through our simple online system. Avoid writing directly online, as technical issues with your computer or our system could cause you to lose your work.

## 2 Include Supporting Materials and Links

For most categories, supporting files or URLs are optional. However, we strongly recommend including at least your organization's website URL so judges can access basic information about your organization.

## 3 Focus on Achievements During the Eligibility Period

The 2026 Stevie® Awards for Technology Excellence eligibility period is from January 1, 2024, through June 11, 2026. Entries may mention earlier achievements but must focus on this period—the judges will not score entries highly if they do not.

## 4 How to Submit Entries for Multiple Clients

PR and marketing agencies submitting for multiple clients should create one account under the agency's name with agency contact details. For each nomination you create you will be able to specify the name and location of the organization you are nominating.

## 5 Test Your Links

If you include links to videos, images, or other materials, be sure to test them before submitting. Preview your entry and click the links to ensure they work and show the intended content to the judges.

## 6 Video Entries and Other Media Materials

Attachments should be directly downloadable and easy to access. For videos, use a YouTube, Vimeo, or similar link that plays instantly. If that's not possible, upload the video file instead.

## 7 Giving Titles to Your Entries

When choosing a title for your entries, don't include the category name — judges will see it. For individual nominations, simply use the person's name and job title unless additional text adds meaningful context. Keep titles simple.

## 8 Well-Written and Succinct

Stevie-winning entries are clear, focused, and modest. Highlight a few key accomplishments in detail rather than listing many briefly, and keep the writing concise.



# 10 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD ENTER

1

Stevie® Awards offer a cost-effective way to recognize and celebrate your valued employees for their efforts and accomplishments—boosting morale, inspiring pride, and motivating your team to keep striving for excellence.

2

The entry fees are nominal compared to the publicity and credibility you or your organization can reap from winning a Stevie Award. Past winners use their Stevie Awards to enhance their reputation, attract clients, and engage top talent.

3

Small organizations have just as much chance to win a Stevie as big companies. Every year, household-name companies are joined in the winners' circle by small and medium-sized organizations that are still building their brands.

4

There are dozens of categories for E-Commerce Technology, Energy Technology, Entertainment Technology, Biotech, AI, and much more.

5

Winners are celebrated globally at our galas and promoted across our website, blog, social media, and PR. With more than 70,000 monthly site visitors and 30,000 newsletter subscribers, your win gets wide exposure.



6

When you win a Stevie Award, you and your colleagues get to deliver a speech on stage before a global audience and network with top professionals at our October 28 gala in Paris, France also broadcast live worldwide.

7

The awards are a great way to benchmark your achievements against competitors in your industry.

8

Stevie Awards impress clients, partners, colleagues, and staff. Since 2002, the Stevie Award trophy has become one of the business world's most coveted prizes; it's a global symbol of excellence and innovation.

9

Winners may order additional copies of their awards to share with employees, executives, and clients. Official winner logos, social media graphics, and press release templates are provided to all winners at no extra cost.

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Judges include many of the world's most respected executives, entrepreneurs, innovators, and business educators. You'll have access to all of the judges' feedback for all of your entries; an invaluable resource.

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# THE STEVIE® AWARD

The Stevie Award trophy is one of the world's most coveted prizes. Since 2002 the Gold Stevie Award has been conferred for achievement in the workplace to organizations and individuals in more than 70 nations and territories.

The name Stevie is taken from the name Stephen, which is derived from the Greek for "crowned."

The crystal pyramid held aloft by Stevie represents the hierarchy of human needs, a system often represented as a pyramid that was developed in the 1960s by psychologist Abraham Maslow, who observed that after their basic needs are met, human beings seek the esteem of their peers.

## RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PREPARE YOUR ENTRIES

Most public relations agencies and independent practitioners have experience writing Stevie Awards entries. If you don't have the time to prepare, write and submit Stevie® Awards for Technology Excellence entries, we suggest you turn to a PR pro to help you. There are also several communications professionals who specialize in writing Stevie Awards entries. We recommend the following:

August Recognition, Donna O'Toole, [hello@augustawards.com](mailto:hello@augustawards.com)

Awards Intelligence, Claire James, [claire@awardsintelligence.co.uk](mailto:claire@awardsintelligence.co.uk)

Award-Winning Results, Jacque Burandt, [jacqueline.burandt@gmail.com](mailto:jacqueline.burandt@gmail.com)

Boost Awards, Chris Robinson, [info@boost-awards.co.uk](mailto:info@boost-awards.co.uk)

Business Awards Consulting, Cagatay Kayabas, [awards@kuzeygelisim.com](mailto:awards@kuzeygelisim.com)

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