



2026 CUTTING EDGE AWARD Official Nomination Form

What is the Cutting Edge Award?

The IADD Cutting Edge Award focuses on the person (or team of people) who has made the most positive impact on our industry, preferably within the last 24 months. Demonstrating innovation, excellence, passion, achievement and knowledge, the recipient stands as a fine example to our industry colleagues. This prestigious award continues to be one of the most coveted in our industry.

What are the criteria?

Ideal candidates must have demonstrated a unique, meaningful, or emerging contribution to the diecutting/diemaking industry, or should have in some way influenced the industry in a positive manner. This contribution could be in the form of technology, hardware systems, methods, association development and betterment, education, or through some other significant contribution.

Candidates should, but are not necessarily required to, have shown a pattern of active participation or intent to participate within the IADD to further the industry as a whole. While the weighting of potential nominees for this award is biased to recent actions/events, defined as having happened primarily in the last 24 months, nominations can also be made for potential recipients who deserve recognition for a continued contribution towards the industry and/or IADD.

Who is eligible?

- Current employees of IADD Patron, Company or Affiliate member companies.
- IADD Individual members.
- Member companies that employ or employed the nominee(s) and Individual member nominee(s) must be in good standing with the IADD.
- Self-nominations are accepted.
- Past recipients are eligible if they meet the criteria.

How does nomination work?

Any living IADD member, past or present, may nominate. To nominate your choice for the IADD Cutting Edge Award, simply complete the following form.

Sufficient information must be given regarding the candidate and the reason for the nomination in order for the selection committee to make an informed decision. Specifically answering the questions on the nomination form increases the chances of the candidate.

Who makes the final selection?

The recipient will be selected by the IADD Awards Committee, which is composed of the appointed chair and up to five most recent recipients of IADD awards (three Cutting Edge Award winners, most recent Presidential Award winner and/or most recent Pillar Award winner). Exec and Board approval may be sought, but are not required.

How will the award be presented?

The award recipient(s) will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the IADD and featured in a cover article in an upcoming issue of *The Cutting Edge*.

Nominations must be received by July 20, 2026. Questions about the nomination process may be directed to IADD Headquarters at 1-815-455-7519.



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1st Nominee's Name/Company: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2nd Nominee's Name/Company: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please state your reasons for nominating this individual/team. Be as specific as possible, answering all 3 questions and giving dates and places where applicable. There is no limit on the length of your submission. Attach any endorsements that you feel will further explain why you think the above-named individual/team should receive the IADD Cutting Edge Award.

1. What is the specific, unique, meaningful, or emerging contribution that this individual/team has made to the diecutting/diemaking industry?

2. Describe in detail the positive impact this individual/team has had on our industry and/or the IADD.

3. Describe any other attributes which would set this individual/team apart from the others (e.g. passion, knowledge, generosity, service orientation).

Your Name: _____

Company: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mail or email nomination to: Jenny Holliday, CEO, IADD, 651 W. Terra Cotta Ave., Suite 132, Crystal Lake, IL 60014

EMAIL: jholliday@iadd.org

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