



AWARD NOMINATIONS FAQ

Why nominate a candidate for a *Ones to Watch* award?

The prestigious Ones to Watch Awards provide an opportunity for senior leaders to recognize those technology people within their division or organization who demonstrate leadership traits and routinely go above and beyond to deliver value to the business. These awards can also help build morale and motivate up-and-coming executives to achieve greater excellence and inspire others to do the same. Awards will be presented at the AGENDA Conference, sponsored by IDG and IDC's Executive Council.

Who qualifies for the award?

The award spotlights rising technology leaders who have what it takes to become strategic, C-level business technology executives of tomorrow. **They should not have attained a C-level position at any current or previous organization.** Potential candidates should also have a track record of success, an essential blend of communication and collaboration skills, and a keen understanding of business goals. They can be VP-, director- or manager-level professionals who have completed one or more strategic projects that demonstrate their leadership abilities. Candidates should also be responsible for managing projects or team members (or both).

Who can nominate?

A senior executive or department manager, a peer, an external business partner (i.e. vendor organization) or the candidate may complete the nomination application. The application **must** contain the name and contact information for the senior executive or business partner to which the nominee reports/works with (directly or indirectly) as well as a 50-word statement from the senior executive/business partner endorsing the nominee. This listing constitutes an endorsement of the nominee by that executive as well as official permission for the nominee to participate in the awards program. CIO reserves the right to contact that executive for verification.

Is there a fee to nominate?

No, there is no charge to nominate a candidate.

I have won the award previously; can I win again? Also, can multiple people from one organization win an award?

Individuals can win a Ones to Watch award only once at their current organization. No more than two individuals at any organization can be honored in the same year. There is no limit to the number of nominations from one organization in a given year.

How are *Ones to Watch* nominations judged?

Members of the CIO Executive Council and past winners of the CIO 100 award review and score each application, specifically looking at career history, current responsibilities and demonstrated leadership accomplishments. Applications are confidential and will be used solely for the purposes of judging the awards and event speaker recruitment. However, your contact information may be used to market Council and CIO content, programs and services.



What makes a winning nomination?

All Ones to Watch entries must be complete to qualify for judging. Applications that are detailed and descriptive and include numbers quantifying project results are more likely to be named a winner. These details will be used only for judging and will be kept confidential. They will not be published in any form.

Deadlines and Expectations

For the most up-to-date deadlines, please visit our website agendaconference.com/awards

If you are selected as a Ones to Watch award winner, you will need to formally acknowledge and accept the award within one week of receiving the notification via the award acceptance portal. If you do not complete this step, you will forfeit your award and IDG will select another winner from the pool of finalists.

Nomination overview and instructions

Step 1: Visit agendaconference.com/awards. We recommend that you download a .pdf copy of the nomination questionnaire to view all questions in their entirety before starting your application online.

Step 2: Create your online profile. You will receive a confirmation email with a link to start your entry on the nomination site.

Step 3: Complete your profile in the nomination site. Once finalized, you can start your entry online in the nomination system, where you are able to save and return to it as many times as you like before submitting it. To do this, bookmark the Awards System page or return to the email that confirmed the creation of your account and click on the link provided. Before leaving the application, remember to click the "Save" button at the bottom of the form. *Do not click the "Submit" button until your application is complete.*

Step 4: Click the "Submit" button. Once you have done so, your entry will be submitted for judging. You will not be able to revise your answers.

Contact information

For questions regarding the Ones to Watch Awards or the nomination process, please email your questions to awards@cio.com