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2025 AMBA Emerging Leaders Rising Star Award

The AMBA Emerging Leaders Rising Star Award is intended to recognize outstanding growth, leadership and/or contributions by an emerging professional in the AMBA community.

AWARD PRESENTATION

The 2025 AMBA Emerging Leaders Rising Star Award recipient will be announced during the upcoming AMBA Annual Conference 2025 in Grand Rapids, MI, May 7-9, at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel. Announcement of the award recipient will be made to national industry publications, The American Mold Builder magazine and posted on the AMBA website.

AWARD

In addition to receiving the inaugural Emerging Leaders Rising Star Award, the winner will receive a financial contribution of \$500 to be used towards his/her professional development. The funds will be distributed to the company to be used on behalf of the employee.

ELIGIBILITY

The award recipient must be an emerging professional currently employed by an AMBA member company in good standing with the association. Nominations can be submitted by peers, supervisors or potential recipients themselves and should include the characteristics and accomplishments exemplified by the nominee.

ELIGIBILITY (CONTINUED)

There is no age or experience restriction for this award. However, it is intended to honor up-and-coming individuals new to either the U.S. mold manufacturing community or their current role. This award is not intended to honor those already in executive roles.

CRITERIA

AMBA will coordinate with a panel of Emerging Leaders Advisory Board members, past award recipients and/or AMBA executives who are heavily involved in workforce development initiatives to evaluate nominations based on the four criteria listed below:

- Nominee must be a member of the AMBA in good standing.
- Nominee should be relatively new to his/her industry and/or current role (5 years or less)
- Nominee should exemplify the skills, traits and actions desired by the next generation of U.S. mold manufacturers (outlined on the following page).

CHARACTERISTICS EXEMPLIFIED BY NEXT-GEN U.S. MOLD BUILDERS

Based on recommendations provided by the AMBA Emerging Leaders Advisory Board, nominees for the AMBA Rising Star Award should exemplify one or more of the characteristics outlined below.

Integrity/Accountability

Consistently aligns actions with values, makes ethical choices and takes responsibility even in the face of adversity. Represents integrity and its use as a foundational trait to build trust and credibility.

Adaptability/Agility

Has a strong desire to learn and adapts quickly to new situations and challenges; approaches problems with curiosity and embraces change as an opportunity for growth and continued development.

Leadership/Initiative

Proactively identifies and addresses issues, rather than waiting for instructions; shows a willingness to take on new responsibilities and to lead by example.

Collaboration/Empathy

Understands the value of teamwork, collaboration and alternate experiences and perspectives; works alongside others to generate better solutions and outcomes.

Dedication/Desire for Growth

Has a wholehearted commitment to responsibilities and endeavors; exemplifies a persistent and enthusiastic approach to achieving individual, team and company goals alongside a willingness to learn.

2025 AMBA Emerging Leaders Rising Star Nomination Form

Deadline: March 21, 2025

Nominee Name

Title

Company Name

Company Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone

Email

Nominator's Name (if different than above)

Nominator's Company Name

Nominator's Phone #

Is the nominee aware of this nomination?

Yes No

Nominee Profile

1. Number of years in the industry: _____ Number of years in current role: _____

2. In what ways is this nominee currently active in the AMBA and/or the U.S. mold manufacturing industry (include trade organization participation, recent professional development/training, etc.)

3. Describe nominee's community work/service performed on behalf of the industry with regards to education, government activities, apprenticeship programs, etc. (Attach a separate sheet if necessary)

3. How has this individual exemplified outstanding personal/professional growth and/or leadership? In what ways has the nominee positively impacted his/her place of employment, the AMBA community and/or the U.S. mold manufacturing industry? (Attach a separate sheet if necessary)

4. Describe the ways in which you think the nominee exemplifies the skills, traits and/or accomplishments of emerging professionals in U.S. mold manufacturing industry: (Attach a separate sheet if necessary)
