

NIA's Safety Excellence Award

2026 NIA Member Application Form

A NIA Member-Only Program

The NIA Safety Excellence Award recognizes companies who demonstrate an ongoing commitment to safety, employee training, and continuous improvement. Applications are evaluated against established best practices and industry safety standards.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be current NIA members in good standing.
- Membership dues must be paid in full at the time applications are judged and during the awards presentation.
- No exceptions will be made to this requirement.
- To verify your company's membership status, contact Rianna Gleeson at rgleeson@insulation.org.

Important Dates & Application Fees

- Application Deadline: **September 11, 2026**
- Standard Application Fee: \$295
- First-Time Applicant Fee: \$190

First-time applicants should contact rgleeson@insulation.org to verify eligibility for the discounted rate.

Submission Instructions:

To submit by check: Please complete the application and submit it with a check payable to "National Insulation Association". **Please note this new address for Auman, Mahan & Furry** and ensure to send applications and checks to the new address. Mail completed applications and check to:

Auman, Mahan & Furry
Attn: Gary Auman, NIA Legal Counsel
10100 Innovation Drive, Suite 200
Miamisburg, OH 45342

To submit by credit card: Email your completed application to brl@amfdayton.com and [pay online here](#), or call 703-464-6422, ext. 113 to pay by credit card. First time applicants must call to receive their discount rate.

Awards:

All applicants will receive a detailed written report from NIA's Legal Counsel. This Safety Training Analysis Results (STAR) Report is designed specifically to facilitate ongoing safety program improvement for every participating member. Please note, the NIA Board of Directors has kept the application cost down as a benefit to NIA members. NIA underwrites a portion of this program to help keep the application fees low.

Winners of NIA's Safety Excellence Award will be chosen on the basis of their safety program, means of communication and training, and company safety policy. Safety programs are not judged against other safety programs, only against an "ideal" program. Winners will be announced and recognized during NIA's 71st Annual Convention, April 12–14, 2027, Ritz-Carlton, Orlando, Florida.

Please complete all information. Incomplete applications and those without appropriate payment will not be considered.

Section 1: Category

1. Please check one for your insulation business:
 - a) ☐ Small Company (fewer than 100,000 man hours)
 - b) ☐ Medium Company (100,001 to 500,000 man hours)
 - c) ☐ Large Company (more than 500,001 man hours)

2. Please check your company member type based on your NIA membership:
 - a) ☐ Associate (Manufacturer)
 - b) ☐ Contractor
 - c) ☐ Distributor/Fabricator
 - d) ☐ Laminator

3. I confirm that my company is a NIA Member in good standing
 - a) ☐ Yes
 - b) ☐ No

Section 2: General Information

This safety recognition program is intended only to evaluate specific components of the applicant's safety program for best practices. We do not consider injury rates or OSHA citations in our evaluation. Even a company with the best safety program can run afoul of OSHA if it does not implement and enforce the requirements, policies, and procedures in its safety program. NIA urges all applicants in our safety recognition program to consistently and fairly enforce the requirements and policies set out in the safety programs they submit for evaluation.

Company Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Application Contact (Individual completing this application) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Feedback Contact (Individual who should receive STAR Report) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Does your company have a formal written safety program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how long has it been in place _____

Confidentiality: The information in Section 1, and any reference in any part of this application to a specific company, will not be included with the application when the submissions are judged. This information will be kept in strict confidence. NIA reserves the right to publish any innovative safety ideas from the entries for the good of the industry. However, any company-specific information regarding accident or injury statistics, or any other information identified by the applicant as proprietary, will be kept in confidence within NIA and the Health and Safety Committee as it applies to the specific company.

Section 3: Company Safety Program Questions

Please do **not** attach your full safety program or sections of your safety program to this application. They will not be graded. Instead, please answer each question in your own words based on what is included in your safety program. Please read each question carefully and be sure you respond to each part of any multi-part question. To help you prepare the strongest application possible, we encourage you to review the [Tips for Completing the Safety Excellence Award Application](#) page before you begin. Please type your response to each question on a separate piece of paper. Please use a font size of 11 or larger.

1. Hazard Recognition & Planning: Describe how your company identifies, evaluates, and controls hazards associated with insulation work, manufacturing, fabrication and/or distribution, including elevated work, hot work, confined spaces, silica exposure, and/or coordination with other trades. Describe your risk assessment procedure. Include the critical components of your program, but do not attach your full policy.
2. Workforce Engagement: How are frontline employees actively involved in improving safety performance? Describe processes such as safety observations, near-miss reporting, safety committees, or employee-led initiatives, and share an example of a safety improvement that originated from the workforce. Include the critical components of your program, but do not attach your full policy.
3. Training & Competency: What methods does your company use to ensure employees possess the knowledge and skills necessary to perform their work safely? Include examples of hazard recognition training, task-specific training, mentorship, qualification programs, or hands-on competency verification. Include the critical components of your program, but do not attach your full policy.
4. Organizational Learning & Continuous Improvement: Describe how your organization learns from incidents, near misses, and industry events as well as observations made during site safety inspections. How are lessons learned communicated throughout the organization and incorporated into future planning, procedures, and employee training? Include the critical components of your program, but do not attach your full policy.
5. Leadership Commitment: How do company leaders demonstrate their commitment to safety beyond compliance? Provide examples of leadership's commitment and involvement in the workplace, including resource allocation, safety innovation, and safety goal setting. Include the critical components of your program, but do not attach your full policy.