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AmCham Awards 2026 Info Session





Objectives of the session

Today we will

- Explain the awards process
 - Outline categories and criteria
 - Walk through the nomination form
 - Share tips for strong applications
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Why Apply?

- Recognition at AmCham's Gala
- Featured in AmCham publications and media, including annual Investor's Voice
- Showcase of your leadership, innovation, and impact
- Reputation of your company or team within the business community





Eligibility

- Nominees must be AmCham member companies or their employees and remain in good standing as of October 16, 2026.
 - Self-nominations and third-party nominations are accepted.
 - There is no limit on the number of nominations submitted, but a company or individual may win only one award.
 - Each nomination must be supported by the company's senior leadership - *new*
 - Submissions must demonstrate significant and measurable results achieved since January 1, 2025.
 - Nominations should reflect AmCham's values of free enterprise, fair competition, and the rule of law.
 - Individual nominees and representatives of nominated companies must attend the AmCham Awards Gala in person on October 16 in Astana. *Winners will not be announced in advance.*
 - Applying is free for AmCham members. Gala tickets are sold separately for 50,000–65,000 KZT or are included in sponsorship packages. [Learn more](#)
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Award categories

- Individual
 - Company
 - Special Recognition by AmCham team
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Individual Awards



Executive of
the Year



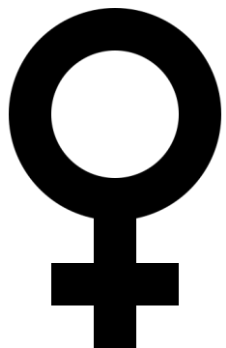
Young
Professional



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Company Awards

Change from 2025: Women's Leadership is now presented to a company rather than an individual. Nominations should focus on company-led projects or initiatives that advance women's leadership.



Women's
Leadership



Innovation



Health



Safety



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Company Awards



Environment



Community
Service



Kazakh
Culture



Kazakhstani
Business



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Special Recognition Awards Individual



AmCham
Service



Public-Private
Dialogue



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Criteria, evaluation and timelines

Introducing the jury

Who serves on the jury?

- AmCham partners
- Previous winners
- Trusted business and community leaders

How are jurors selected?

- Adhere to AmCham values of free enterprise, fair competition, and the rule of law
 - Independent and impartial
 - Strong business expertise
 - Trusted judgment
 - No conflicts of interest
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Introducing the jury



Ainur Karbozova
CEO, Bulat
Utemuratov
Foundation



Assylbek Jakiyev
Chairman,
PetroCouncil



Gulnaz Tukhtamova
Chief Operating
Officer,
AIFC Court and IAC



Qanat Abash
Managing Director,
Kazmedia Holding



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Jury evaluates based on SMART criteria:

- Is the achievement specific? Is there an identifiable project, initiative or outcome
 - Is there convincing evidence of measurable results? What supporting documentation is provided? Are there reliable metrics?
 - Is it relevant to the category?
 - Did it occur in 2025-2026?
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Key dates

APPLY BEFORE AUGUST 16

**CALL FOR
NOMINATIONS**

**APPLICATION
DEADLINE**

**WINNERS
ANNOUNCED AT
GALA**



Visibility

Channel	Nominees	Winners
AmCham social media	Listed among other nominees	Highlighted with project details
AmCham Website	tbc – might be listed separately	Highlighted with project details
Gala Awards Dinner	Displayed on screens among with other nominees	Award, Speech
Post event press-release	X	Listed among winners
Investor's Voice	X	Highlighted with project details Executive of the year is on the cover





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Nomination Form walkthrough



Nomination Form - Step 1

- **Nominating Yourself:**
 - Your name, email, and organization
- **If Nominating Someone Else:**
 - Nominee's name, email, organization, title



Nomination Form - Step 2

- **Select one award category from the dropdown list**
- **Only one category per submission**
- **Nomination must be supported by the senior leadership of your company - new**



Nomination Form - Step 3

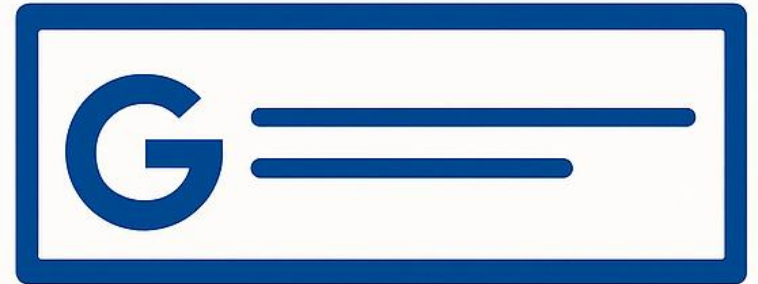
- **Outcome: Lasting impact (100 words)**
- **Outputs/actions: Specific steps taken (200 words)**
- **Measurements: Data, evidence, testimonials (200 words)**
- **Timeframe: January 1, 2025-September, 2026**
- **Additional info (optional, 200 words)**

TIP: prepare this information before filling in the application form



Supporting Materials

- Upload reports, presentations, visuals, testimonials
- Provide links to websites, media, or social content



- For additional files, upload them to any cloud service and make sure they can be opened by third parties. **Make sure the links do not expire!**



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For Young Professional Nominees

- **Must be under 35 by October 16, 2026**
- **Date of birth required**



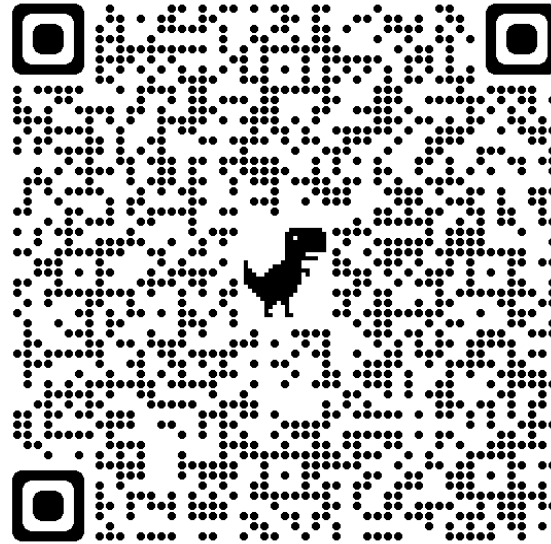
Tips for a Strong Nomination

- **Prepare all information before completing the application form.**
- **Choose the most appropriate award category strategically.**
- **Be clear and specific about the achievement.**
- **Focus on measurable impact and results.**
- **Tell a compelling story supported by evidence and data.**
- **Use concise, factual language.**
- **Include supporting materials (upload them to a cloud service and ensure third parties can access them).**
- **If submitting a third-party nomination, coordinate with the nominee.**

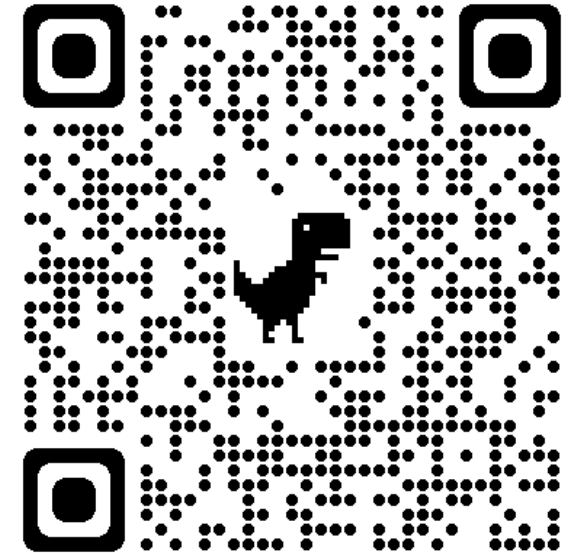
Next steps:

- Apply by August 16 using the online form
- Questions? Contact ayana.mukhitova@amcham.kz
- Russian nomination form is available [here](#)
- Follow up will be sent

Apply here:



Announcement:



Thank you!



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