

2025 AMBA TOOLING TRAILBLAZER OF THE YEAR AWARD



The AMBA Tooling Trailblazer of the Year was established to recognize AMBA member accomplishments that have resulted in a notable impact in the area of education.

ELIGIBILITY

AMBA member companies that are making great accomplishments in educational outreach could be nominated by a peer or could nominate themselves. Additionally, if member companies have teamed up, both companies can be nominated on the same form and if chosen, would split the scholarship grant. The award recipient will be the company as a whole. If you believe that significant strides have been made in education and/or recruitment, we encourage you to send in your nomination! What types of outreach have you done in 2023? What are your plans for 2024? How has the outreach drawn youth to the industry? Has your outreach, program or initiative helped the mold manufacturing industry gain visibility and if so in what ways and with what audiences (i.e., high school students, junior high students, technical trade students, parents, teachers, counselors, etc.)? How would the \$5000 scholarship award from Progressive be utilized to further your outreach? These are some of the things that we're looking for from the Tooling Trailblazer of the Year winner!

EXAMPLES OF EDUCATIONAL IMPACT

Examples of notable achievements include successfully deploying an in-house apprenticeship program, attending job fairs and succeeding in recruitment, co-sponsoring and implementing tooling-related coursework at a local high school, trade school or college, conducting a successful open house to the community, marketing efforts that have reached and impacted counselors and teachers, organizing/speaking at career day events to directly give awareness of our industry, etc.

AWARD PRESENTATION

The 2025 AMBA Tooling Trailblazer of the Year Award will be presented during the upcoming AMBA

2025 Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, MI, May 7-9 at The Amway Grand Plaza Hotel.

Announcements about the winning company will be made to national industry publications, *The American Mold Builder* magazine and posted on the AMBA website. A representative from the winning company is expected to attend the annual conference to receive the award.

AWARD

The AMBA Tooling Trailblazer of the Year Award winner will be presented with a prestigious award and will have the opportunity to choose the industry-related educational program, project or initiative that will receive a **\$5,000 Progressive Components** scholarship grant.

CRITERIA

AMBA will coordinate a judge's panel comprised of industry-related individuals who will vote on the winning company based on the following criteria:

- ▶ How has the company championed educational outreach in the last 12 months?
- ▶ How has the outreach (program, project or initiative) increased the visibility of the mold manufacturing industry?
- ▶ How would the company utilize the \$5000 scholarship grant?
- ▶ What future plans does the company have in regards to educational outreach?

Thank you for your efforts in contributing to the sustainability and growth of the American Mold Manufacturing Industry!

**Award Sponsored by Progressive Components
2025 AMBA TOOLING TRAILBLAZER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM**

AMBA Company being Nominated

Nominator's Name

Nominator's Company Name

Nominator's Phone #

Nominator's email address

COMPANY PROFILE

In the last year, how has the company championed educational outreach? *(Attach a separate sheet if necessary)*

How has the company's outreach (program, project or initiative) increased the visibility of the mold manufacturing industry? *(Attach a separate sheet if necessary)*

How would the company utilize the \$5,000 scholarship grant? *(Attach a separate sheet if necessary)*

What future plans does the company have in regards to educational outreach? *(Attach a separate sheet if necessary)*



Nominations (plus any attachments) must be received no later than, Friday, March 21, 2025.

Mail, email or fax to:

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