

AWARD NOMINEE INFORMATION THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM --- REGISTRATION & INDIVIDUAL AWARD NOMINEE HEADSHOTS

A registration table will be set-up at the <u>DES MOINES MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN</u> on the second floor pre-function area at the top of the escalators. Here you will receive your nametag & any necessary materials for the event. Once checked in, you will then be directed to a specific location to take your headshot photo by our event photographer. Headshots are only needed for <u>INDIVIDUAL AWARDS</u>, not group awards.

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM --- COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Once your headshot is complete, you will then be encouraged to attend the Cocktail Reception in the same area as the registration table. Light hors d'oeuvres and complimentary beverages will be available throughout the reception.

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM --- IMTA AWARDS GALA

The main event will take place in the lowa Ballroom. There is no assigned seating in the ballroom; however, companies do tend to have their specific company attendees sit in the same vicinity as each other so we recommend touching base with the individual who nominated you to coordinate your seating arrangements. During this event we will welcome in our 2026 Chairman of the Board Jeff Arens with Schuster Company, and then kick off the awards program. And don't worry, we eat too! During the awards program every single award winner will be recognized and called up to the stage. Stairs with handrails will be available to access the stage.

9:30 PM - 11:00 PM --- DESSERT RECEPTION

Once the IMTA Awards Gala concludes, join us once again for a special dessert reception down on the main level of the hotel in the Windows on 7th Room. This reception will certainly be an enjoyable, relaxing end to the evening. Please know though, should you need to hit the road please do not feel obligated to attend. This reception is more for unwinding and making memories.

DRESS ATTIRE FOR AWARDS GALA

This evening is a formal event. What do we mean by formal? There will be some men in tuxedos, most men will be in suits. Women will be in cocktail dresses or long gowns. <u>Casual attire such as jeans, t-shirts, ball caps, etc. are highly discouraged.</u> We know this brings many of you out of your comfort zone but everyone deserves to dress the part and we would hate for anyone to stand out for the wrong reasons. Not sure if what you have in mind will be okay? Check with the individual who nominated you, or don't hesitate to call the IMTA at 515.244.5193.

REGISTRATION

Most companies will cover the registration fees for the award winners and guests. Again, you will need to check with the individual who nominated you to confirm this. They will be able to explain everything to you & if questions come up, again, don't hesitate to call the IMTA at 515.244.5193. Award winners are more than welcome to register for any other events associated with the conference, just touch base with your nominator once again. He or she will provide you guidance.