

Food Logistics' 2026 Rock Stars of the Supply Chain

Nominations are open for *Food Logistics'* 2026 Rock Stars of the Supply Chain award, which recognizes influential individuals in four distinct categories within the cold food industry, whose achievements, hard work and vision have shaped the global cold food supply chain.

What is the overall timeframe?

Entries open: **Monday, Sept. 22, 2025**

Entries due: **Friday, Nov. 22, 2025 at 11:30 p.m. CST**

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The criteria includes:

- The Rock Stars of the Supply Chain award is broken down into four distinct categories:
 - **Top Warehousing Leader** → Recognizes professionals in the cold storage and warehousing space
 - **Top Transportation Professional** → Recognizes professionals in the transportation space, including freight, trucking, rail, air cargo, ship/ports, etc.
 - **Rising Stars** → Recognizes young or newer professionals (39 and under) whose achievements, hard work and vision have shaped the supply chain network.
 - **Leaders in Excellence** → Honors company leaders who've made outstanding contributions to the supply chain space. Must have at least 10 years' documented experience in supply chain and logistics.
- There will be (1) overall winner in each category; additional winners will be listed out accordingly, [CLICK HERE](#) for example from last year's winners. Overall winners for each category will receive the highest-level promotional package, which includes:
 - **Executive Profile in Online Article** (Headshot & Bio)
 - **Virtual Video or Email Interview** with Editor-in-Chief, posted to FoodLogistics.com.
 - **Full Award Logo Usage** (unlimited rights and full access to include, share and embed the award logo anywhere, everywhere at all times).
 - **A Commemorative Plaque**
- Applications are free; there is no charge/fee to apply.
- Limit one category per nominee. Those submissions for the same person with multiple categories will be disqualified. Limit up to three nominees per company. Those submissions for more than three nominees per company could result in disqualification. Limit one category per nominee per company. Those submissions with more than one nominee in the same category could result in disqualification.
- *Food Logistics* reaches executives in the cold food and beverage sector (growers, producers, manufacturers, wholesalers, packagers and grocers) and the logistics sector (transportation, warehousing, distribution, software and technology). If your company or your customers are a part of our reach, then you are eligible. Companies not part of these sectors or do not have customers in these sectors are not eligible. (Not part of the cold food chain? [Check out Supply & Demand Chain Executive's awards](#)).
- **Who is eligible?** Executives in the cold food and beverage sector (growers, producers, manufacturers, wholesalers, packagers and grocers) and the logistics sector (transportation, warehousing, distribution, software and technology).

- Submissions must tell a story; they must detail the journey the nominee has taken to get to this current stage in his/her career. The more information, the better. Those submissions with one-sentence answers or no examples will not be considered.
- Winners ARE NOT determined based on relationship or their advertising position with *Food Logistics*. Nominee names and company names are hidden in the vetting process; *Food Logistics*' editorial staff vet applications based on the submission itself, which is why telling a story and providing clear examples is imperative to determining winners vs. non-winners.
- Nominees can be located nationally and/or internationally.
- Be sure to hit "Submit" at the end of the application process. Applications must be completed in full to be considered. Incomplete submissions or those with incorrect information will be disqualified.
- All applications must be submitted electronically. Applications emailed to *Food Logistics*' staff or submitted through social media channels will not be considered.
- Names, titles and other information will publish as listed in the nomination form. *Food Logistics* will not be held responsible for publishing names or other information that was incorrectly submitted in the nomination process. Please proofread your work.
- Information provided in the application may be used in print and online.
- Nominations can come from PR/marketing firms/agencies, suppliers, vendors, customers, co-workers and/or the companies themselves. Executives can self-nominate. PR/marketing firms can nominate one or more client. Nominees working for PR/marketing firms/agencies are not applicable.
- Honorees are vetted by *Food Logistics*' editorial staff.
- Previous wins do not automatically guarantee a spot in this year's award. Multiple submissions for the same nominee may result in elimination. Wins from other awards not related to *Food Logistics* will also not automatically guarantee a spot in this year's award.
- **Nominations close FRIDAY, Nov. 22, 2025 at 11:30 p.m. CST.** *Food Logistics* will not accept any past due submissions.
- Questions can be directed to editor-in-chief Marina Mayer at mmayer@iron.markets.
- [CLICK HERE](#) to check out FAQs.

Your Contact Information:

Your First Name (required, will not publish):

Your Last Name (required, will not publish):

Your Email (required, will not publish):

Country (required, will not publish):

Your Phone Number (required, will not be publish):

Your Mobile Number (optional, will not publish):

Nominee Contact Information:

Nominee Name (required):

Nominee Title (required):

Nominee Email (required, will not publish):

Nominee headshot (upload here, optional):

Company Name or Organization (required):

Company logo (upload here, optional):

Company Street Address (required, will not publish):

City (required, will not publish):

State (required, will not publish):

Zip Code (required, will not publish):

Country (required, will not publish):

Company Website (required):

Contact Name at Company (required, will not publish):

Contact Email at Company (required, will not publish):

About the Nominee:

Select (1) category (required):

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Nominee's Bio here (required, no word/character count limit):

Describe the nominee's job. What is his/her day-to-day tasks? (required, no word/character count limit):

What makes the nominee a Rock Star in the respective category? Please list his/her achievements, initiatives, leadership roles, etc. Please describe the impact or results of those initiatives. Tell the story. Be specific. (required, no word count or character limit).

Outline 1-3 examples of projects/initiatives/goals/achievements from the nominee within the past 12 months. Be thorough. Include as much detail as possible. (required, no word/character count limit):

What goals is the nominee looking to achieve in the next 12 months? What's next? (required, no word count limit):

Select the category that best fits the nominee's company/market. (select one) (required):

Association

Consultancy

Education/Certification

Procurement/Sourcing

Risk Management/Food Safety

Software/Technology

Sustainability

Transportation

Warehousing

Please describe something "worth noting" about this nominee that you believe is a competitive differentiator and would be of interest to *Food Logistics*' readers. (required, no word count limit):

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