

# 2026 Polyurethane Innovation Award Instructions



## COMPANY INFORMATION

Please read and complete this form in its entirety and submit **all** required documentation.

**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

## INNOVATION OVERVIEW

**Product/Technology Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date innovation entered the market for the first time in the U.S.:** \_\_\_\_\_

- For purposes of this Innovation Award Entry, “entered the market” is defined as the first date that the product is “available for commercial sales” by your company. Pilot scale production would not qualify.

### Abstract:

- Please attach an abstract on the product, technology, or program; approximately 50 words in length.

### Description:

- Please attach a technical description of the innovation that is at least 500 words in length, including information about the uniqueness of the innovation, the long-term viability and impact, and the benefits to the industry and marketplace. For purposes of this Award, polyurethane is defined as the reaction of an isocyanate with a polyol.

### Documentation Required:

- Please provide evidence in the form of a press release, announcement at industry conference, or quote for sale for the innovation being submitted to document when the innovation entered the marketplace for sale (see applicable dates below).

## OFFICIAL RULES

**Eligibility** (entries must qualify for each of the following criteria):

- Products entered must have entered the market, for the first time, between **June 21, 2024, and June 19, 2026**.
- Entries submitted in a previous year are not eligible for resubmission.
- Entries pertaining to a polyurethane product or polyurethane manufacture are required to relate to polyurethane chemistry, which the Center for the Polyurethanes Industry (CPI) expressly defines, for purposes of this Award, as the reaction of an isocyanate with a polyol. Innovations in polyurethane chemistry could include finished products, initiatives, training or education programs, or processes or processing equipment.

**Submission Date:** All entries must be received by **5:00 p.m. ET on June 19, 2026**. Late or incomplete entries will not be considered. The American Chemistry Council (ACC) and CPI are not responsible for failed, incomplete, or delayed submissions.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

**Selection of Finalists:** A panel of judges, comprised of experts representing technical disciplines and the polyurethane supply chain, will evaluate all eligible submissions. Judges will score all entries based on the impact on the polyurethanes industry, uniqueness of the innovation, quality of the science and societal impact. The three submissions with the highest scores will be selected as finalists for the Polyurethane Innovation Award.

Selected finalists will:

- Prepare a three-minute presentation to be delivered during the Opening Session at the 2026 Polyurethanes Technical Conference.
- Submit a poster, which will be on prominent display during the Conference.

**Voting Process:** Voting will take place during the 2026 Polyurethanes Technical Conference Opening Session on **Monday, October 5, 2026**. Conference attendees may cast one vote for one finalist. The finalist with the most votes will receive an additional 20 points to be added to the judges' score. The Innovation with the highest total score will be deemed the winner and announced during the Awards Luncheon on **Wednesday, October 7, 2026**.

**Updates:** Updates and changes to the Official Rules will be available [here](#).

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**Consent:** By participating in the Polyurethane Innovation Award Program, entrants consent and agree to be bound by the Official Rules and associated decisions of ACC and CPI.

**Publicity Release:** Submission of an entry constitutes permission for ACC and CPI to use, edit, and adapt without compensation submitter's name and entry (or excerpts thereof) to promote the Polyurethane Innovation Award Program, including use of such information in a press release of finalists.

**Privacy:** Information obtained through ACC websites related to the Conference and Polyurethane Innovation Award Program shall be used in accordance ACC's privacy policy which is available at <http://www.americanchemistry.com/privacy>.

**Materials Ownership:** All entry forms and supporting materials become the exclusive property of ACC and CPI and will not be returned.

**Warranty:** By submitting an entry for the Polyurethane Innovation Award Program, the submitter warrants and represents that the information provided is truthful and accurate, and the submitter has not impermissibly obtained the information from another source.

**No Approval or Endorsement:** In no event shall issuance of an award or reference by ACC or CPI to any participant, product, or service within the Polyurethane Innovation Award Program be construed as an approval or endorsement by ACC or CPI of such participant, product, or service. By submission of an entry, the submitter agrees not to make any representations to the contrary.

**Disqualification:** ACC and CPI reserve the right in their sole discretion to disqualify any individual who violates the Official Rules or seeks to undermine operation of the Polyurethane Innovation Award Program.

**Disclaimer:** By submitting an entry, the participant agrees that ACC and CPI will have no liability for, and will be held harmless by, the entrant for any liability, cost, or damage, sustained directly or indirectly, from its participation in the Polyurethane Innovation Award Program.



I have read and accept the forgoing Polyurethane Innovation Award program instructions, Official Rules, and Terms and Conditions.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit all entry materials, including photo and/or graphic attachments, by **5:00 p.m. EDT** on **June 19, 2026**, to [Laura\\_Dickemann@americanchemistry.com](mailto:Laura_Dickemann@americanchemistry.com). Late or incomplete entries will not be considered.