



Frequently Asked Questions

General Awards Information

Q: What are the Tekne Awards?

A: The Minnesota Tekne Awards honor companies, innovations and individuals that positively impact Minnesota's technology-based economy. The Tekne Awards began in 2000, and are presented by the Minnesota High Tech Association in partnership with LifeScience Alley and Minnesota Technology, Inc.

Q: When is the Tekne Awards Celebration?

A: Thursday, October 30, 2008. The reception will start at 4:30 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm and the awards ceremony at 7:15 pm.

Q: Where will the Tekne Awards be held?

A: The 2008 Tekne Awards will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center in the Ballroom.

Q: Who attends the Tekne Awards?

A: The Tekne Awards attract a "who's who" of Minnesota business, technology and political leaders. The gala affair draws over 1,000 attendees from across the state and from technology areas ranging from advanced manufacturing to information technology to medical technology to the biological sciences.

Nominations/Applications

Q: What are the award categories?

A: Tekne Awards are given in the following categories:

- Advanced Manufacturing— Small & Growing Company
- Advanced Manufacturing—Established Company
- Biotechnology—Small & Growing Company
- Biotechnology—Established Company
- IT, Software & Hardware, Communications and Infrastructure— Small & Growing Company
- IT, Software, Hardware, Communications and Infrastructure—Established Company
- Medical Technology— Small & Growing Company
- Medical Technology—Established Company
- Technology Executive of the Year — Small & Growing Company (for an individual)
- Technology Executive of the Year — Established Company (for an individual)
- Technology Services— Small & Growing Company
- Technology Services—Established Company
- Technology User
- Cleantech
- Green
- Innovative Collaboration of the Year
- Education- Innovation in Teaching (for an individual) Innovative Collaboration of the Year

Q: How do I nominate an organization/individual?

A: If you know a great organization, partner company, customer or individual who should apply for a Tekne? Nominate them online at tekneawards.org. Visit the Nominations/Applications page, and select "Submit a Nomination." Please include contact information for the nominee, so MHTA can follow up with them to submit the application.



Q: How do I submit an application?

A: Visit tekneawards.org and click on the Nomination/Application tab. Select Submit an Application. You will be prompted for General Information, and then asked to select an award category. Application instructions can be found on the website, in the Tekne Application – PDF version, as well as in the “help” links within the online application. **Applications will be accepted until JUNE 30, 2008.**

Q: Do I need to be nominated in order to apply?

A: No. Nominations are available so people outside of the nominated organization can recognize an organization they feel is producing innovative products or providing innovative services, and should be awarded. The nominated organizations will still need to submit an application to be considered for a Tekne, but organizations/individuals can submit applications without being nominated.

Q: Can I submit for more than one Tekne Award?

A: Yes, you may fill out applications for as many Tekne Awards as you want. You may not enter the same product or service solution in more than one category. You may enter different products, service solutions or innovations in the same category and/or in different categories.

Q: Can I change my application after it's been submitted?

A: Yes, you may edit/change your completed application until June 30, 2008. After June 30, we will no longer accept any changes to your application or accept any new applications.

Q: Who do I contact if I have questions regarding a nomination or application?

A: Please contact Kathy Belian at kbelian@mhta.org or 952-230-4554.

Sponsorships/Tickets

Q: How much are tickets to the event?

A: Corporate Sponsor Tables are \$2,750 and include 10 tickets to the VIP Reception. Tables for 10 are \$1,750 and individual tickets are \$175. Sponsorships are available now and tables and individual tickets go on sale on August 1, 2008. The Tekne Awards do sell out, so it's never too early to start planning!

Q: What levels of sponsorship are offered?

A: Platinum for \$15,000, Gold for \$10,000, Silver for \$5,000, and Corporate for \$2,750. Please refer to the Sponsor section of the Tekne Awards website (www.tekneawards.org) for the details of each sponsorship.

Q: Who do I contact if I'd like to purchase a table or sponsorship?

A: Please contact Valeriya Gerber at vgerber@mhta.org or 952-230-4557.