**TECH TITANS OF THE FUTURE – UNIVERSITY LEVEL**

The Tech Titans of the Future University Level award recognizes an accredited educational institution in the North Texas area that encourages and supports students to choose engineering and technology related disciplines as a preferred career path. This award category spotlights North Texas higher educational institutions’ technology related curricula and incentives to perpetuate tech-related knowledge transfer. The award finalists display creative, innovative approaches that reach out to students and other learning-minded professionals and related institutions. The nomination requires testimonials from two current or former students, educators or other individuals who have excelled and benefited from this program.

**Tech Titans of the Future University Level Award Qualifications:**

* The program has technology related curricula.
* The program demonstrated incentives to perpetuate tech-related knowledge transfer.
* The program displays effective outreach to a wide array of students.
* The nomination requires two (2) student testimonials by current or former students, educators or other individuals who have excelled or benefited from this program. [***Click here to download testimonial form.***](https://files.constantcontact.com/fb84e3b9001/cfb543cc-ac0e-49d4-9b45-69ce2818edb0.pdf)

**As part of the selection process, nominations will be judged on the following criteria:**

* Describe how the program demonstrates tech-related knowledge transfer to students and other learning minded professionals. (20%)
* Describe how the program demonstrates creative, innovative approaches that reach out to students and other learning-minded professionals. (20%)
* The measurable accomplishments the program has achieved. (40%)
* Testimonials demonstrating how this program has impacted or benefited the student or institution in encouraging students to pursue engineering or technology related career paths. (20%)

**Award category judges’ interview:**

* ***Nominees selected as semi-finalists for this award will be required to attend a virtual interview with the judges on Tuesday, August 23rd from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. All nominees for this award should be informed of the potential for this interview.***

***Questions:***

* School/Institution Name
* Name of Program
* Number of Students in Program
* Administrator or Advisor’s Name
* Administrator or Advisor’s Phone Number
* Administrator or Advisor’s Email
* Does the nominee or nominator have approval from the Administrator/Advisor to submit a nomination?

1. Describe the program.
2. Describe how this program perpetuates tech-related knowledge transfer. (20%)
3. Describe how this program demonstrates creative, innovative approaches that reach out to students and other learning-minded professionals. (20%)
4. Describe and define what measurable accomplishments the program has achieved. (40%)
5. Additional comments related to nomination.
6. Attach an optional document related to the nomination. (i.e. video, powerpoint, website) Judges may or may not review it.

Testimonial One:

* First and Last Name of person providing the testimonial
* Title
* Email Address
* Phone Number
* School/Institution
* Please Check Below (Individual who is providing the testimonial) Student/Educator/Other
* Testimonial One: Please upload testimonial form or video. \* By providing this, you agree to release of testimonial to Tech Titans for use in promotional materials.

Testimonial Two:

* First and Last Name of person providing the testimonial
* Title
* Email Address
* Phone Number
* School/Institution
* Please Check Below (Individual who is providing the testimonial) Student/Educator/Other
* Testimonial Two: Please upload testimonial form or video. \* By providing this, you agree to release of testimonial to Tech Titans for use in promotional materials.
* Does the nominee consent to this nomination?
* Does the nominee agree to attend the required virtual interview should they be selected as a semi-finalist for this category?

The interview date and time for the Tech Titans of the Future University Level category has been set for ***Tuesday, August 23rd from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm***. Failure to attend this interview with the judges will result in automatic ineligibility to be a finalist or winner. Nominees will be notified if they have been selected for an interview by August 16th and will be given further instructions at this time.

* If selected as a finalist, does the nominee agree to attend the Awards Gala on Thursday, October 20th?