



2022 Product Innovation ★ ★ ★ Award ★ ★ ★ Nomination Guidelines

Deadline: Entries Accepted Until June 17, 2022

IBWA's Product Innovation Award celebrates the creativity and ingenuity found in the bottled water industry. Up to four awards will be presented based on company classification. (See details below.) IBWA's Product Innovation Award winners will be announced during IBWA's General Session at the **2022 IBWA Business Conference and Trade Show at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago, October 24-27, 2022.**

General Rules

IBWA strongly encourages all IBWA supplier members (in good standing) to participate in the Product Innovation Award program. Any product created between June 2017 and June 2022 is eligible.

To enter, provide a **500-word (maximum) narrative or a 3-minute (or less) video** describing your company's innovative product. The judging panel will use the following criteria when reviewing all entries:

- Is the product genuinely innovative?
- Does it introduce a new concept?
- Does it introduce a new technology?
- Does it offer added value to the bottled water industry?
- Has the product had a positive impact on the bottled water industry?
- Does the product improve bottler or consumer convenience and usability?
- Can the supplier justify/support all claims made about the product?

Companies are encouraged to provide supplemental materials for review along with the written or video narrative. Examples of such materials include the actual product, photos, newspaper or magazine clippings, print materials (sales brochures, etc.), videos, links to local and national news coverage, etc.

Company Size

Company entries are divided into four size classifications (based on gross sales for the year ending December 2021, computed in U.S. dollars):

- **Level I Company:** Sales less than \$500,000
- **Level II Company:** Sales between \$500,001 and \$2 million
- **Level III Company:** Sales between \$2.1 million and \$8 million
- **Level IV Company:** Sales above \$8.1 million

How Many Entries Are Permitted

IBWA supplier members are encouraged to submit one (1) entry.

Video Option

In place of the brief written narrative describing the nominated product, you may provide a 3-minute (or less) video describing why the product is deserving of IBWA's Product Innovation award. Provide the video to IBWA in either .mov or .mp4 formats. Videos can be emailed to ctorres@bottledwater.org. (Note: Email attachments larger than 10 MB are not accepted by IBWA's office Outlook email system. You may have to use a service such as Hightail.com to email the file.)

Entry Fee and Deadline

There are no entry fees for IBWA's award program. All entries and supplemental materials must be received at IBWA headquarters by **June 17, 2022**.

Submit Entries

Submit entries three ways:

- Online: [2022 Product Innovation Award Nomination Form](#)
- Via email to Chris Torres: ctorres@bottledwater.org
- Via mail to IBWA headquarters:

2022 IBWA Product Innovation Award
IBWA
1700 Diagonal Road
Suite 650
Alexandria, VA 22314

Company Name: _____

Submitted By/Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Country: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Narrative

Please provide a one-page (up to 500 words) narrative that details why your nominee should be awarded the IBWA Product Innovation Award. (Note: Nominators may opt to provide a 3-minute (or less) video in place of this narrative. See details above under "Video Option.")

