

AWS FELLOW NOMINATION

Friends and Colleagues:

The American Welding Society, in 1990, established the honor of Fellow of the Society to recognize members for distinguished contributions to the field of welding science and technology, and for promoting and sustaining the professional stature of the field. Election as a Fellow of the Society is based on outstanding accomplishments and the technical impact of the individual. Such accomplishments will have advanced the science, technology and application of welding, brazing, or soldering, as evidenced by:

- Sustained service and performance in the advancement of welding and joining science and technology
- Publication of papers, articles and books which enhance knowledge of welding
- Innovative development of welding and allied technologies
- Society and Section contributions
- Professional recognitions

I want to encourage you to submit nomination packages for those individuals whom you feel have a history of accomplishments and contributions to our profession consistent with the standards set by the existing AWS Fellows. In particular, I would make a special request that, in considering members for nomination, you look to the most senior members of your Section or District. In many cases, the colleagues and peers of these individuals who are the most familiar with their contributions, and who would normally nominate the candidate, are no longer with us. I want to be sure that we make the extra effort required to ensure that those truly worthy are not overlooked because no obvious individual was available to start the nominating process.

For specifics on nomination requirements, please contact Chelsea Steel at nationalawards@aws.org or simply follow the instructions on the Fellow nomination form located at **AWS Fellow Page**. Please remember, we all benefit in the honoring of those who have made major contributions to our chosen profession and livelihood. The deadline for submission is **July 1, 2026**.

The Fellows Committee looks forward to receiving numerous Fellow nominations for 2027 consideration.

Sincerely,

Todd Palmer
Chair, AWS Fellows Committee

Nominations for Fellow of the Society are open. Submission Deadline **July 1, 2026**.