

Rise AWARDS 2026

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How to Submit a Standout Rise Awards Nomination

The Rise Awards celebrate exceptional individuals and organisations driving positive change and progress across the broadcast technology sector. While each category is unique, the core question remains the same: **“Tell us why you think this person (or organisation) should win this award.”**

(500–1000 words)

To help you craft a compelling nomination, we’ve put together a few tips:

1. Tell a clear, focused story

Avoid generic praise and generalities. Instead, structure your entry around two to three accomplishments that show impact and leadership. What did they do? Why was it significant? What was the outcome?

2. Demonstrate impact with evidence

Back up your claims with specific outcomes or metrics when possible. Did their project save time, cut costs, improve diversity, break new ground, or influence others? Judges want to understand the scale and substance of the nominee’s contribution.

3. Use quotes to bring it to life

Incorporate quotes from managers, peers, or collaborators to add authenticity and texture. A well-placed quote gives insight into how others view the nominee’s influence and character.

4. Avoid repetition and filler language

Stay within the word count, but do not pad the entry with buzzwords or repeated points. Prioritise clarity and relevance over flowery language or long intros.

5. Avoid ‘vanilla’ nominations

Judges are not looking for cut-and-paste LinkedIn bios or generic praise. They want nominations that feel personal, credible, and thoughtfully written. If it could apply to anyone, it will not stand out.

6. Highlight what sets them apart

Why this person or organisation? What makes them different from others in similar roles? Look for unique achievements, qualities, or initiatives that show exceptional value or leadership.

7. Keep the tone professional and human

You are writing for experienced judges, but that does not mean the entry needs to be overly formal. Let your admiration for the nominee come through in a way that feels sincere and confident.

Final Thoughts:

Put yourself in a judge's shoes. You are reading dozens of entries: what would make you stop and take notice? Strong nominations do not just explain what someone did; they show why it mattered. Make the case clearly, credibly, and with genuine pride.

What to Emphasise for Each Category:

- **Advocate (for male allies):** Share concrete examples of mentorship, inclusion efforts, or internal policy shifts driven by the nominee.
- **Business Leader:** Emphasise strategic vision, leadership impact, culture-building, and long-term success.
- **Business Operations:** Emphasise efficiency, process improvement, or strategic decisions that contributed to measurable business results.
- **Company Award for Investment in Women:** Provide examples of initiatives that go beyond policy, such as mentorship programs, career development, or structural change.
- **Influencer:** Focus on community leadership: speaking, mentoring, writing, or campaigning for change across the industry.
- **Marketing:** Focus on measurable campaign results, creative innovation within the broadcast and media technology sector, and the specific achievements that have driven brand growth or audience engagement.
- **Product Innovation:** Highlight novel ideas that have made a real impact, such as new features, tools, or solutions. What problem did they solve, and how did it change things?
- **Production Support Engineer:** Focus on behind-the-scenes excellence: problem-solving, uptime, and critical support that enables success.
- **Project Management or Delivery (End User):** Highlight the ability to lead complex initiatives, manage stakeholders, and deliver under pressure, on time and on budget.
- **Project Management or Delivery (Vendor/Service Provider):** Highlight the ability to lead complex initiatives, manage stakeholders, and deliver under pressure, on time and on budget.
- **R&D Engineer:** Emphasise depth of technical knowledge, problem-solving abilities, and how their work has advanced products or internal capabilities.
- **Rising Star:** Look for future leaders, those who've made a clear impact early in their careers and show great promise.
- **Sales:** Emphasise customer relationships, market development, team leadership, or record-setting performance.
- **Student / Apprentice:** Focus on learning agility, early contributions, standout projects, and growth potential.
- **Technical Operations:** Show how the nominee ensures excellence in fast-paced or complex environments. Focus on reliability, workflow innovation, or outstanding teamwork under pressure.
- **Woman of the Year:** Think big-picture influence. The winner should exemplify leadership, innovation, advocacy, and impact across multiple dimensions.