



Application Form

Awards Presentation - 6th May 2025
Hilton Doubletree, Stoke-on-Trent



Solids Handling Industry Awards are hosted by the Solids Handling and Processing Association.

Awards applications are open to all UK registered member and non-member companies* and institutions operating in the Solids Handling Industry. See full rules for details. Winners will be announced and presented at the awards ceremony on the evening of the 6th May 2025. Shortlisted finalists will be notified in March 2025. Closing date for applications 28th February 2025.



Application Form

Closing Date 28TH February 2025

Category:

Company:

Company contact:

Email: Contact number:

Please briefly explain your reasons for your company's application. Further details are to be provided to demonstrate the validity and provide sufficient evidence for the judges to assess the application. The supporting documentation should be no more than three A4 pages in length.

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Each application must comply with the awards criteria and the rules set out in this application form and be signed by a Director of the Company.

Signed: Position:

Email: Date:

Please email the completed form to louise@shapa.co.uk



Awards Criteria

Export Award

To be awarded to the organisation which has achieved a step change in their export activities, either by a percentage increase in exports or success in opening up new market(s).

Award criteria:

- Achievement(s) relative to the size of the organisation
- Increased export sales across several markets or in one market, demonstrated by relevant sales figures (confidentiality will be respected).
- A simple narrative explaining how this has been achieved
- Consideration will be given to new, imaginative or bold actions or specific activities that have resulted in export achievements.

Innovation in Technology Award

To be awarded to the organisation/collaborating organisations responsible for introducing a new product or service, or substantial modification to an existing product or service.

Award criteria:

- Achievement(s) relative to the size of the organisation
- Innovation or innovative thinking, e.g. in design or application

Innovation in Safety Award

To be awarded to the organisation/collaborating organisations responsible for increasing safety or safety awareness in an innovative way or a substantial modification to an existing system or step change in safety awareness.

Award criteria:

- Achievement(s) relative to the size of the organisation
- Innovation or innovative thinking, e.g. in design or application

Innovation in Training and Development Award

To be awarded to the organisation/collaborating organisations responsible for improving the training and development of their employees, local school or college or general community in an innovative way or a substantial modification to an existing system or step change in training outcomes.

Award criteria:

- Achievement(s) relative to the size of the organisation
- Innovation or innovative thinking, e.g. in training platforms or through achieved outcomes.

Sustainability Award

To be awarded to the Member company / organisation who has contributed most to push the boundaries on sustainability.

Award criteria:

- This award will recognise the organisation that can point to either one truly groundbreaking step that they have taken to advance their own or customers sustainability, or alternatively through carbon and energy management initiatives reducing a companies' emissions to meet carbon reduction targets.
- Achievement relative to size of the Organisation

Newcomer Award

To be awarded to an individual who has contributed to the Member Company / organisation or developed in the field of bulk solids handling.

Award criteria:

- Contribution(s) in areas such as sales, design, innovation, apprenticeship or further studies that has/have greatly benefited themselves, their company or organisation.
- A simple narrative explaining how this has been achieved

Apprentice Project Prize Awards

To be awarded to apprentices within the SHAPA member community.

Award criteria:

- This will be based on an assessment of their development through a project or challenge overcome and a short video presentation (max, 3 minutes) to the judging panel.
- The project does not need to be engineering or solids handling based as it is open to all apprentices irrespective of their chosen career path.
- There will be monetary prizes paid direct to the qualifying apprentices with a First prize of £500 and runner up prizes of £250

Shapa Best Supporting Role Award

To be awarded to either an individual or organisation outside a member organisation that has been instrumental in helping a member company achieve their successes over the past year. The nominee can be either a customer or someone in your supply chain.

Award criteria:

- Achievement(s) relative to the size of the organisation

Shapa Company of the Year Award

To be awarded based on achievements, either through sales success or best practice.

Award criteria:

- Achievement(s) relative to the size of the organisation
- Increased sales
- Recognition for best practice
- Health and safety



Awards Rules

1. *With exception of the Apprentice Prize Award, entry to these awards is open to all UK registered, member and non-member companies and institutions operating in the solids handling and processing industry. The industry comprises equipment manufacturers and systems suppliers directly involved in the handling and processing of particulate solids
2. Winners will be announced and presented at the awards ceremony at the SHAPA Awards dinner Tuesday 6th May 2025 at the Hilton Doubletree in Stoke-on-Trent
3. Shortlisted applicants are expected to attend the awards ceremony
4. All categories are awarded based on the decision of our independent panel of judges
5. An organisation may enter multiple categories
6. The deadline for applications will be the 28th February 2025
7. The shortlisted entrants will be notified in March 2025
8. The judges' decision is final, no correspondence will be entered into and no reasons given for decisions
9. All information provided to the judges will be used solely for the purposes of assessing the entries. Potentially sensitive information will not be made public
10. The winners of the award are able to use the award in any publicity providing that they quote the relevant year of attainment
11. SHAPA will publicise the award and its winners on its web site, social media pages and in relevant journals

The engraved awards can be retained by the winners.