

Chemours Plunkett Awards

Frequently Asked Questions

General

Q What is the Plunkett Award?

A Dr. Roy Plunkett (1911-1994) discovered PTFE (branded Teflon™) in 1938. He has been recognized the world over by scientific, academic, and civic communities. He was inducted into the Plastics Hall of Fame in 1973, and, in 1985, the National Inventors' Hall of Fame. The 80th anniversary of the discovery of Teflon™, as well as the spirit of invention with Chemours fluoropolymers that originated with Dr. Plunkett, will be commemorated globally with the Chemours Plunkett Awards for innovation in fluoropolymers in 2018.

Q Who is eligible to apply?

A The Plunkett Awards are open to processors or users of fabricated products globally who have devised new or improved products, technologies, or applications incorporating Chemours fluoropolymers, which includes Melts, PTFE, Coatings (SPS and Finishes), IXM, Lubes, and FKM, including customers through distribution. All entries must involve the use of materials from the Chemours fluoropolymers portfolio and not competitive materials.

Q How do I apply?

A To enter a submission, contact your Chemours representative or visit chemours.com/plunkett-awards.

Q Can I submit more than one application?

A Yes, it is encouraged!

Q Will I need to divulge trade secrets or proprietary technology?

A No. Entrants do not need to divulge any confidential information; but, should they choose to share information designated "confidential," Chemours and the judges shall each maintain in confidence all information disclosed, either written or pictorial, that is identified as confidential by the entrant for up to five years after submission of the entry.

Awards Process

Q What are the criteria for winning a Plunkett Award?

A Criteria for winning an award can be found on the website and application form at: www.chemours.com/plunkett-awards.

Q Who are the judges?

A The Plunkett Awards judging panel will feature a global panel of knowledgeable industry representatives and thought leaders.

Q Does the submitted innovation need to be a commercial application?

A Yes. Judging criteria includes breadth of use and commercial significance (both current and potential).

Q Are customers of customers allowed to file an application?

A Yes. The Plunkett Awards are open to processors or users of fabricated products who have devised new or improved products, technologies, or applications incorporating Chemours fluoropolymers.

Q Why are all of the products in the fluoropolymers portfolio included this year?

A Expanding the awards beyond the Teflon™ brand allows us to broadly recognize achievements in fluorine-based chemistries and engage our larger fluoropolymers customer base.

Q How will different fluoropolymer applications be compared to each other?

A Each award submission will be judged on its own merit based on the awards criteria:

DEGREE OF INNOVATION

How novel is this product or application? How does it differ from traditional products, applications, or processes for fluoropolymer products?

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

How has this product or application helped create sustainable growth and reduce environmental impact?

BREADTH OF USE AND COMMERCIAL SIGNIFICANCE, BOTH CURRENT AND POTENTIAL

What industrial or consumer markets have adopted or might adopt this product or application? Does the entry satisfy important or unmet needs? Do the entry's features lead to benefits with real, demonstrable value?

Awards Event

The Plunkett Awards will be presented at a global awards event on September 13–14, 2018 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.

Q Is everyone that submits an application invited to the awards event?

A For companies submitting an application, only award winners will be eligible to attend the awards event.

Q Why Philadelphia?

A In addition to being in close proximity to our headquarters in Wilmington, Delaware, Philadelphia has a rich history of innovation that we will celebrate by hosting our Plunkett Awards event at The Franklin Institute. Founded in 1824, The Franklin Institute is one of the oldest centers of science education and development in the United States. Click [here](#) to learn more about The Franklin Institute.

Q Can I visit the Chemours office in Wilmington if attending the event?

A If time and scheduling allow, you can arrange with your Chemours representative to schedule a visit to the Chemours Building in Wilmington, Delaware, which is approximately a 40-minute drive from Philadelphia.

Q Will I have an opportunity to interact with Chemours leadership if I am attending the awards event?

A Yes; in addition to the Plunkett Awards event, we will have programming that includes presentations and interactions with both fluoropolymers global leaders and Chemours executive leadership.

Q Will my travel be paid for if my submission wins a Plunkett Award?

A Chemours will cover the cost of airfare and lodging for award winners.