

SHOWCASE YOUR COMPANY'S CASTING SUCCESSES

PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL AFS CASTING COMPETITION



The AFS/Casting Source 2026 Casting Competition is your chance to show the engineering and purchasing community what a metal casting can accomplish. Beyond the company recognition and industry public relations gained through the "honored" castings, entries can appear in *Casting Source* magazine departments. Also, this year's winners will be showcased at Metalcasting Congress 2026.

ELIGIBILITY: Participation is open to all North American metalcasters and designers/users of metal castings. Previous entries may be resubmitted. Castings are sought in all metals, casting processes, end-use applications and sizes/weights.

FEES: The competition is free for AFS Corporate Member companies. For non-Corporate Member firms, a \$75 fee is required, per entry. [A payment link will be provided at time of entry]

This year, winners will again be broken out into categories, with an all-around Casting of the Year winner still chosen.

THE CATEGORIES WILL BE:

1. Newcomer (Rookie of the Year)

This award will go to a company that has not submitted a casting in the last 10 years. Don't be intimidated to enter

the contest and show your stuff.

2. Best Example of a Casting Conversion.

This award will recognize companies that used metalcasting's strengths to convert a product from a non-casting process.

3. Achievement in a Small Foundry Business.

Not every foundry has armies of staff. Smaller facilities are doing great work, and they are a key part of the industry. This will reward companies that are doing more with fewer workers.

4. Best Innovation/Prototype.

The metalcasting industry continues to evolve and stride into the future. That's partly because metalcasters are always stretching capabilities and looking for newer and better. This category is for castings that might not be ready for full

production but could be the precursor to the next big thing.

DEADLINE: January 30, 2026. Please complete the form below (with any supplemental information) and send it, along with the casting, to:

Casting Competition '26, 1695 N. Penny Ln., Schaumburg, IL 60173-4555. Sending photos is strongly encouraged.

Castings may be used for trade show exhibits and permanent displays at AFS, and their images may be used in future AFS publications. Castings can be returned at the entrant's expense.

FOR INFORMATION

Contact AFS' **Katie Matticks** at kmatticks@afsinc.org.

Information also is available online at www.castingsource.com.

AFS CASTING COMPETITION ENTRY FORM (Deadline: January 30, 2026)

Metalcasting Facility: _____
How Many Employees: _____ Is This Your First Time Submitting an entry: _____
Address: _____
City/State: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____ Contact: _____
Name of Component: _____
End-Use Industry: _____
Component's Function/Application: _____
Metal: _____ Weight: _____
Dimensions: _____
Casting Process: _____ Converted From: _____
Savings (Time/Cost/Weight) Provided: _____
Summary of Features, Benefits Realized Via Casting (use separate sheet if needed): _____

Customer Name (Optional): _____

Casting Return — please indicate if you would like your casting returned after the competition:

☐ Yes — I would like my casting returned. I understand that return shipping is at my company's expense, and I will provide the preferred carrier and account number below.

Preferred Carrier: _____ Account Number: _____

☐ No — My company does not need the casting returned.