



The **NexGen "Rising Stars"** honors outstanding professionals under the age of 40 who are making a meaningful impact through leadership, innovation, and dedication to the education market.

#### WHAT NEXGEN RISING STARS RECEIVE

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- Industry recognition and press exposure
- Access to mentorship opportunities
- Inclusion in the EDmarket network of award winners
- Recognition at the EDmarket Leadership Connect Dinner
- held during the EDspaces Conference & Expo

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE

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Professionals under the age of 40 working in the educational facilities industry who are part of an EDmarket corporate or individual member organization. Self-nominations are welcome, and eligible roles may include professionals in:

- Research & Development
- Project Management
- Engineering
- Marketing
- Sales

#### IMPORTANT DATES

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- Nomination Deadline: April 30, 2026 | 11:59 PM
- Application Deadline: May 31, 2026 | 11:59 PM
- Winner Announcement: July 2026
- Featured in the Fall issue of Essentials

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

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1. Submit a nomination by the April 30 deadline.
2. Nominees receive an email with the application link.
3. Complete the application and upload a professional headshot.
4. Applications are reviewed by a panel of EDmarket industry leaders using a scoring rubric.

[SUBMIT A NOMINATION](#)



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