

## Global Marketing Excellence Awards 2025

Submission Guidelines



### Overview

Momentum ITSMA's Global Marketing Excellence Awards are designed to honor the marketing strategies, programs, campaigns, and individuals that have made an impact in embedding client-centric practices across organizations and achieved excellence in driving business impact with B2B services and solutions providers. Use these guidelines to produce your submission.

#### There are three award categories:

Cross-Functional Transformation Client-Centric Strategy of the Year

Best-in-Class Programs of the Year Thought Leadership Program Partner Marketing Program ABM Program Customer Insights Program Sales Enablement Program Cross-sell and/or Upsell Program

Client-Centric Leaders of the Year Marketing Leader of the Year Account-Based Marketer of the Year

It is highly recommended that you bookmark our submission guidelines for future reference. All submissions must be entered online and follow the outline below to present a compelling story of what was done, how it was done, and the business results. Submissions should include detail for each of the required sections.

The winning initiatives will represent achievements in embedding client centricity, promoting cross-functional alignment, and demonstrating the application of relevant client-centric bestpractices to deliver effective execution, creating positive impact and measurable business results.

#### Submission deadline

August 1, 2025

Enter your submission

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#### Non-disclosure

Momentum ITSMA will keep all information included in award submissions strictly confidential and will not disclose any information from the submissions without formal authorization from the applicant.

Please note: Momentum ITSMA will not return any of the submission materials.



# Submission guidelines by category

## Submission guideline for Cross-Functional Transformation

The Client-Centric Strategy of the Year Award celebrates a company that can demonstrate strong cross-functional alignment, putting clients at the center of their growth strategies, strengthening reputation, accelerating revenue growth, and increasing market influence. The client-centric initiative is likely to be a continuing living evolution.

#### 1. Submission overview

(min 700 words, max 1,000 words)

Provide a summary of this initiative considering situation, solution, learnings, and results, and how it impacted sales and marketing (and potentially other functions) working together to drive growth strategies that are client-centric, moving away from product-led efforts.

Please note that this section should not contain any confidential information. Should your initiative be selected as a winner, this section will be posted publicly. Please ensure any sensitive information is highlighted so that we can remove it before publication.

#### 2. Situation

(max 300 words)

Describe the business trigger and/or opportunity that inspired the initiative. (Suggested prompts to address below.)

- What challenges and/or opportunities was the business or marketing facing?
- What prompted the need to pivot away from product-centric to client-centric growth strategies?
- What was the market and competitive situation (if applicable)?

 How did you build the business case for change to secure buy-in/C-level sponsorship for change?

#### 3. Solution

(max 1,500 words)

Outline the steps and approach you took to develop a strategy/plan, and how you executed it to drive the desired transformation. (Suggested prompts to address below.)

- Break down the different components (cross-functional alignment, functions involved, process, people/skills, tools, etc.) that had to be addressed.
- Detail the nature and scope of the solution/ initiative, including your insight into the customer/market need.
- What best-practices have you used to guide and help you accelerate your efforts? Give specific examples.
- Describe your roadmap i.e. what you did, in what order, and why.
- What challenges and roadblocks did you face? How did sales and marketing (globally and at a regional level, if applicable) work together to overcome these challenges?
  Who did what? What changes did you drive?
- What resources were involved?
- Throughout this effort did you leverage external experts (consultancies, agencies)? If yes, please specify.

#### 4. Results

#### (max 500 words)

Describe the business objectives and KPIs that are/were being used to measure what has been accomplished to date. (Suggested prompts to address below.)

- How did your efforts help your organization to become more client-centric?
- How did you measure both marketing and business success?
- What quantifiable results have you been able to document?
- What qualitative results can you add? How did this initiative impact the culture of the organization?

#### 5. Lessons learned

(max 500 words)

Explain the key learnings and recommendations that you would give to your peers who are seeking to transform their growth strategies in similar ways, changing the way sales and marketing work together and/or global and regional teams work together. (Suggested prompts to address below.)

- What lessons did you learn throughout the process?
- Describe what elements of the program contributed most to its success, and how the lessons and key success factors will influence future marketing initiatives.
- What recommendations would you provide to your peers?
- Talk about the change management effort that was required to support the success you had.

#### 6. Future plans

(max 300 words)

Describe the next steps or stages for this initiative. (Suggested prompts to address below.)

- What's next for your organization? Will you scale this across regions/ divisions/across other parts of your business (if applicable)?
- What are your plans for continuing to fuel a client-first approach and culture?

#### 7. Summary

(max 150 words)

Summarize the most important reasons why your initiative deserves special recognition by Momentum ITSMA.

## Submission guideline for Best-in-Class Programs of the Year

This category celebrates outstanding achievements in a specific area based on the successful implementation of relevant best practices to improve performance. This category includes the following awards:

Thought	Leadership
Program	of the Year

ABM Program of the Year

Partner Marketing Program of the Year Customer Insights Program of the Year Sales Enablement Program of the Year

Cross-sell and/or Up-sell Program of the Year

#### 1. Submission overview

(min. 300 words, max 500 words)

Provide a 700-word summary on the marketing initiative: situation, solution, learnings, and results. Please note that this section should not contain any confidential information. Should your program be selected as a winner, this section will be posted publicly. Please ensure any sensitive information is highlighted so that we can remove it before publication.

#### 2. Performance

(max 1,000 words)

Describe the business problem and/or opportunity that inspired the initiative. (Suggested prompts to address below.)

- What challenges and/or opportunities was the business or marketing facing?
- What triggered the new initiative?
- What was the competitive situation (if applicable)?
- How did you quantify the need or opportunity (e.g. costs, potential savings, benefits, and/or market size)?

 How did you or your organization get buy-in and sponsorship for the initiative and with whom?

#### 3. Results

(max 500 words)

What approach did you take to develop a plan and execute it to solve the problem or take advantage of the opportunity? (Suggested prompts to address below.)

- Detail the nature and scope of the solution/ initiative, including your insight into the customer/market need.
- What were the major steps taken to execute?
- How was the initiative managed against plan?
- What resources were involved?
- Who was involved across the organization? What changes have you made in your ways of working/ processes to be successful?
- Where applicable how did you change the ways you work with your channel partners?
- Provide a clear and detailed description of the process and innovation involved in the solution, the resources allocated, how

efficiently and effectively the initiative was carried out.

- What relevant best-practices have you used to support your efforts?
- Have you leveraged the support of external experts (e.g. agencies, consultancies, other)? If yes, please specify.

#### 4. Results

(max 150 words)

Describe the business objectives and metrics that are/were being used to measure what has been accomplished to date. (Suggested prompts to address below.)

- How did you measure both marketing and overall business success?
- What quantifiable results have you been able to document?
- What qualitative results can you add?
- What artifacts can you use to show the impact of your efforts?

#### 5. Lessons learned

(max 500 words)

Explain the most difficult challenges you faced in executing the plan successfully and how you addressed them. (Suggested prompts to address below.)

- What lessons did you learn throughout the process?
- Describe what elements of the program contributed most to its success, and how the lessons and key success factors will influence future marketing initiatives.
- Is there anything that you would have done differently?

#### 6. Future plans

(max 300 words)

Describe the next steps or stages for this initiative. (Suggested prompts to address below.)

- How are you building upon your success?
- How will you scale this across the marketing organization or the company/division (if applicable)?
- Provide details and data that demonstrate the long-term impact of the initiative.

#### 7. Summary

(max 150 words)

Summarize the most important reasons why your initiative deserves special recognition by Momentum ITSMA.

## Submission outline for Client-Centric Leaders of the Year

This category recognizes forward-looking individuals for driving an outsized impact in their organizations and acting as change catalysts. This category includes two awards:

- Marketing Leader of the Year
- Account-Based Marketer of the Year

#### Submission outline for Marketing Leader of the Year

#### 1. Submission Overview

(min. 300 words, max 500 words)

Provide a 300-word summary on the nominee's role, overall qualifications/experience, impact on their organization, and the industry. Most importantly, what did this person do to stand out or what set them apart from other marketers? How does that person instill bestpractice thinking across your organization?

Please note that this section should not contain any confidential information. Should your nominee be selected as a winner, this section will be posted publicly. Please ensure any sensitive information is highlighted so that we can remove it before publication.

#### 2. Performance

#### (max 1000 words)

Please give specific examples when answering the following questions.

- How has the nominee innovated within the organization and/or the industry?
- How does the nominee support and instill best-practice thinking in your organization?

- Detail quantifiable business impact and results of programs and solutions overseen by the nominee.
- Describe how the nominee is building the next generation of marketers within the organization.
- How does the nominee collaborate with other functional areas within the organization and with external partners?
- Does the nominee have support from and buy-in at the C-suite level?
- How has the nominee strengthened and raised the profile of the role of marketing within the industry?

#### 3. Results

(max 500 words)

Summarize the most important reasons why your nominee deserves special recognition by Momentum ITSMA.

## Submission outline for Client-Centric Leaders of the Year

#### Submission outline for Account-Based Marketer of the Year

#### 1. Submission Overview

(min. 300 words, max 500 words)

Provide a 300-word summary on the nominee's role, overall qualifications/experience, and impact on their organization. Most importantly, what did this person do to stand out or what set them apart from other ABM-ers?

Please note that this section should not contain any confidential information. Should your nominee be selected as a winner, this section will be posted publicly. Please ensure any sensitive information is highlighted so that we can remove it before publication.

#### 2. Performance

(max 1000 words)

What approach and best-practices did the nominee take to develop a plan and execute it to solve a problem or take advantage of an opportunity? (Suggested prompts to address below.)

- What were the major steps taken to execute?
- How was the nominee's initiative managed against the plan?
- What resources were involved?
- Were there new types of collaboration across the organization or with partners?
- In what ways did the nominee innovate within your company and your industry?
- How has the nominee invested in skills development and strengthened their team?

#### 3. Results

(max 500 words)

Please give specific examples when answering the following questions.

- How has the nominee achieved quantifiable results and had a positive business impact on the organization?
- Describe the business objectives and metrics that were used to measure accomplishments to date.
- How has the nominee had an impact on the overall practice of Account-Based Marketing?

#### 4. Summary

#### (max 150 words)

Summarize the most important reasons why your nominee deserves special recognition by Momentum ITSMA.