

# Industry Impact Award

The Industry Impact Award honors individuals, organizations, or initiatives whose contributions to Montana’s mining industry are exceptional, meaningful, and unique. This category is designed for nominees whose work does not fit neatly into the Legacy or Contemporary categories but has nonetheless strengthened Montana’s mining story in powerful ways.

Honorees may include educators, advocates, volunteers, cultural preservationists, technical specialists, or community partners whose leadership and stewardship have made a lasting difference.

The Industry Impact Award is a flexible and dynamic Montana Mining Hall of Fame category — a category where unique, cross-disciplinary, or nontraditional contributions are honored with the same dignity and weight as long-established mining careers.

This award ensures that the Hall of Fame can recognize the full spectrum of contributions that make Montana’s mining ecosystem strong, resilient, and connected.

## ***What makes an Industry Impact Award honoree distinct***

**Unique Contribution** — Their work doesn’t fit the traditional career-based categories but is still deeply influential to respect mining.

**Cross-disciplinary Impact** — They may come from education, advocacy, culture, technology, community leadership, or other disciplines.

**Community Strengthening** — Their efforts improve the lives, safety, or heritage of mining communities.

**Stewardship & Leadership** — They demonstrate responsibility, integrity, and commitment to Montana’s mining future.

## ***Why this award matters***

The Industry Impact Award ensures that the Hall of Fame honors all meaningful contributions — not just those tied to traditional mining roles or long careers. It highlights the educators, innovators, storytellers, volunteers, and community partners who help Montana mining thrive in ways that are sometimes overlooked but always essential.

It is the category that says:

“If you strengthened Montana’s mining story, you belong here.”