

Next CIO – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is Next CIO?

Next CIO is a recognition program that celebrates rising technology leaders who are on track to become CIOs, CTOs, CDOs, or equivalent director-level executives within the next 2–5 years. It highlights individuals driving innovation and enterprise-wide change in their organizations.

2. Who is eligible for Next CIO?

Nominees should meet the following criteria:

Experience: 5–10 years in digital, data, technology, or a business role that collaborates closely with these departments.

Leadership: Demonstrated ability to lead cross-functional initiatives, drive innovation, and influence enterprise-wide change.

3. What is the purpose of Next CIO?

The program aims to spotlight future technology executives, provide visibility for their achievements, and connect them with a community of peers and industry leaders.

4. How do I apply or nominate someone?

Applications are free and can be submitted online [here](#).

5. What are the benefits of being recognized as a Next CIO?

Industry recognition as a rising technology leader.

Visibility among senior executives and peers.

Special programming opportunities at CIO Leadership Live regional events.

Invitation to attend the CIO 100 Awards & Conference in August, where winners will be announced.

6. When and where will winners be announced?

Winners will be announced at the [CIO 100 Awards & Conference](#) in August.

7. Is there a cost to apply?

No. Applying for Next CIO is completely free.

8. Who organizes Next CIO?

Next CIO is organized by Foundry, the team behind the CIO 100 Awards & Conference.

9. How can I contact the Next CIO team?

For questions or assistance, please reach out to awards@cio.com

10. Where can I learn more about the CIO 100 Awards & Conference?

Visit cio100.com for details about the conference and award ceremony.