



General Guidelines for Tri-State Award Nomination Qualifications

Outstanding Service (OS) for an Individual

- A minimum of five completed years of service to Tri-State. Each of these years must also include considerable contributions made outside of the actual seminar.
- For those whose contribution is almost entirely at the seminar, the minimum will generally be 8 years. Being a speaker or contributions with related organizations alone is not included in years of service.

Big Bend Canoe Club

- A minimum of three additional completed years of service to Tri-State beyond obtaining their OS award. Each of these years must also include considerable contributions made outside the actual seminar.
- For those whose contribution is almost entirely at the event, the minimum will generally be an additional 8 years. Being a speaker or contributions with related organizations alone is not included in years of service.
- Must be nominated by a prior inductee into the Big Bend Canoe Club.

Employer Appreciation award

This award given to an employer is at the discretion of the nominee. It is warranted when the assistance by the employer has had a great impact directly on Tri-State or the employee's ability to contribute to Tri-State.

Past Chair

This is automatically given to the outgoing Chairman of Tri-state.

Lifetime Achievement Award

- A minimum of twenty-five years of completed years of service to Tri-State.
- Each of these years must also include considerable contributions made outside of the actual seminar.
- The nominator must be a past awardee, although suggestions may be brought to their attention or to the attention of the awards committee. The award is decided by a vote by the previous winners (who are available to vote).

Outstanding Service for an Organization (This is new and has not yet been used.)

- This can be awarded to a company, exhibitor or organization whose significant contribution over five or more years is being recognized.
- Limited to three per year.
- The decision will be based on the application and other input. Anyone can nominate.

Notes

In no case is the achieving time requirement a guarantee that the award will be given, especially if the person has not been nominated.

It is perfectly acceptable to propose a personal award in cases where the nominee wishes to give someone an award for special contributions or for those that have not met the timeline for other awards. This can be serious or of a humorous nature.