



ATA National Driver of the Year Award Winner History

- 1948** – Verle Langford, Eveready Truck Service, Colorado
1949 – Martin Larsen, Indianhead Truck Lines, Minnesota
1950 – Lloyd Reisner, Hancock Truck Lines, Indiana
1951 – John Castner, Pierce Auto Freight Lines, Inc., Oregon
1952 – Allen C. Sagerhorn, Consolidated Freightways, Inc., Oregon
1953 – Pat Burkholder, Garrett Freight Lines, Nevada
1954 – Gomer W. Bailey, Buckingham Transportation, Inc., Colorado
1955 – Floyd J. Pemberton, Commercial Carriers, Inc., Michigan
1956 – Lewis E. Cook, Reed’s Transfer & Storage Co., Iowa
1957 – Ernest Roedel, Freight Ways, Inc., Missouri
1958 – Reuben C. Thomas, Sessions Company, Inc., Alabama
1959 – Carl C. Crim, Hugh Breeding, Inc., Oklahoma
1960 – Russell L. Brown, American Petrofina Co., Texas
1961 – Melvin O. Griffith, Eagle Transport Co., Texas
1962 – Arthur M. Lear, St. Johnsbury Trucking Co., Maine
1963 – Wm. C. Nunley, Yellow Transit Freight Lines, Oklahoma
1964 – Woodrow W. Given, Service Lines, Inc., Tennessee
1965 – Russell L. Beaulieu, Branch Motor Express Co., Rhode Island
1966 – Donald Beaudette, Land O’Lakes Creameries, Inc., Minnesota
1967 – James A. Martin, B & L Motor Freight, Ohio
1968 – Wray Mundy, D C International, Colorado
1969 – Frederick Marsh, Watt Transport, Inc., Rhode Island
1970 – Frank DeLucia, Adley Express Co., Connecticut

1971 – W.T. “Shorty” Smith, Central Freight Lines, Inc., Texas
1972 – Clarence Hoffman, Raymond Motor Trans. Company, Minnesota
1973 – Curtis C. Stapp, System 99, California
1974 – Wilbur “Bill” Moore, Pacific Intermountain Express Co., New Mexico
1975 – Calvin W. Lane, Coors Transportation Co., Colorado
1976 – Harry R. Thomas, Robertson Truck-A-Ways, Inc., California
1977 – Olen Lee Welk, C&H Transportation Co., Inc. of Dallas, Texas/Missouri
1978 – William M. Whim, Mid-American Lines, Inc., Kansas
1979 – Frank M. Waldron, C&H Transportation Co., Inc., Arizona
1980 – Malvin B. Mathews, Complete Auto Transit, Georgia
1981 – Kenneth W. Olson, Murphy Motor Freight Lines, Minnesota
1982 – William G. Yates, Hobart Corporation, Ohio
1983 – Arthur E. Schooley, Jack Cooper Transport, Missouri
1984 – N.F. Plunkett, Jr., Chevron USA, Alabama
1985 – John Chamberlain, Giant Food, Washington D.C.
1986 – Davis C. Wrich, MacMillan Bloedel Bldg. Materials, Maryland
1987 – Jack Wilhite, Liquid Transport, Inc., Indiana
1988 – Louis E. Mora, Sierra Pacific Power Co., Nevada
1989 – Charles K. Thompson, Neal Oil Co. (APC), South Carolina
1990 – J. Koole, Steelcase, Inc., Michigan
1991 – John D. Porter, Con-Way Central Express, Ohio
1992 – Jerry Pitra, Super Valu Stores, Inc., Minnesota
1993 – David P. Maphis, Hadley Auto Transport Co., California
1994 – LaVant Bean, Anderson Trucking Service, Minnesota
1995 – Floyd R. Buffington, CF Motor Freight, Illinois
1996 – David G. McDonald, Roadway Express, Kansas
1997 – Harold Likins, Jr., Farmland Industries, Kansas
1998 – James E. Sheriff Roadway Express, Illinois
1999 – Thomas W. Hawks, Overnite Transportation Company, Tennessee
2000 – William Whim, ABF Freight System, Inc., Kansas
2001 – Steven Williams, Nobel Sysco, Colorado

- 2002** – Kevin Scott Harris, ABF Freight System, Inc., New York
- 2003** – Doris Hansen, Quality Transportation, Inc., Montana
- 2004** – Charles Brown, Yellow Transportation, Kansas
- 2005** – Larry Springer, Central Freight Lines, Texas
- 2006** – James Wilcox, Yellow Transportation, Inc., New Mexico
- 2007** – William Gray, Jr., UPS Freight, Maryland
- 2008** – David J. May, Con-way Freight, New York
- 2009** – Keith Suits, Rite Aid Rome Distribution Center, New York
- 2010** – Anthony A. Jones, Central Freight Lines, Texas
- 2011** – Dalton Richard “Rickey” Oliver, Walmart Transportation LLC, Arkansas
- 2012** – Ronald Fuller, Central Freight Lines, Texas
- 2013** – Gary Babbitt, Central Freight Lines, Texas
- 2014** – Carl Shultz, Davis Express, Inc. Florida
- 2015** – Hylan Grice, Walmart Transportation, LLC, Kentucky
- 2016** – Frank Calvert, AAA Cooper Transportation, Alabama
- 2017** – Gary Plant, Walmart Transportation, Colorado