



ATA SUPER VAN OPERATOR AWARDS RULES & JUDGING CRITERIA

The principal goal of the American Trucking Associations' Super Van Operator contest is to recognize and honor exemplary drivers and owner-operators in each of four categories who provide safe, reliable, and customer-oriented truck transportation in service to the nation's household goods carriers.

Several finalists will be chosen from among all nominations received. From the finalists, and based on qualified applications received, a winner will be chosen in each of the four Super Van Operator categories for a total of four (4) Super Van Operator winners. These winners will be acknowledged and rewarded as outstanding drivers or independent contractors based on several criteria, including but not limited to the individual's ability to run a successful business, operate in a safe manner over public highways and enhance the public image of the household goods moving and storage industry.

Eligibility Requirements — Please Read Carefully

This contest is open to any single driver, independent contractor, or team of drivers who own and/or operate, as a full-time occupation, a power unit used in a three-axle or more tractor-trailer combination, or a straight truck with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,001 lbs. or more, operates 25,000 miles or more in a year, hauls 30 shipments or more in a year, who drives for or is contracted to: a local moving and storage company; an independent household goods carrier; a national van line; or an agent of a national van line; which van line, carrier, agent, or local company is a current member in good standing of the American Trucking Associations Moving and Storage Conference ("ATA MSC"). A driver-nominee must hold a current and valid commercial driver license. Carriers or agents must have been ATA MSC members on January 1 of the previous year, and must have maintained, and must agree to maintain, their membership in ATA MSC continuously through August 31 of this year. There are four categories of Super Van Operator award winners: Household Goods, Special Commodities, Rookie of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement.

- Except as provided below, contest entrants must have at least five years' experience operating Class 6, 7, or 8 commercial motor vehicles as a full-time occupation, the most recent three years of which must be spent driving for a household goods carrier.
- Nominees for the Super Van Operator — Lifetime Achievement award must possess a minimum of twenty (20) years of experience operating commercial motor vehicles interstate, the most recent 5 years of which must be driving for a household goods carrier.
- Nominees for the Super Van Operator — Special Commodities award must currently be transporting special commodities as her or his primary duty; and have transported special commodities as her or his primary duty during the past five years. "Primary" is defined as more than fifty (50) percent, measured either in time or in mileage. "Special commodities" is defined as computer or tradeshow exhibits, furniture, temperature-controlled freight, artwork, loads requiring special handling, automobiles, or other commodities usually and customarily transported by a household goods carrier other than personal household belongings.

- Nominees for the Super Van Operator — Rookie of the Year award may waive the five-year driving experience requirement prescribed in Paragraph 2 above, but must have at least two (2) years of service in the household goods industry as an operator of commercial motor vehicles for which a Class A or B license is required, and no more than five (5) years of experience as an operator of commercial motor vehicles.
- Contest entrants cannot enter the contest themselves; they must be nominated by (a) the motor carrier for which she/he/they currently drive; (b) the agent for which he/she/they currently drive; or (c) a destination agent for whom the contest entrant has delivered a load in the prior twelve (12) months
- Winners are not eligible to re-enter the contest for a period of one (1) year from the date of receipt of their previous award, regardless of which of the ATA MSC awards (e.g., special commodities; rookie of the year) they may have won. Lifetime Achievement award winners are not eligible to re-enter the Super Van Operator contest
- One nominee may be submitted by each ATA MSC member van line, van line agent or independent carrier per award category

Contest Rules — Please Read Carefully

- All eligibility criteria are subject to verification.
- The Super Van Operator Award Nomination form must be completed by all contest entrants in order to qualify. In addition, finalists may, if they choose, submit an essay of no more than 500 words in length explaining why the finalist should be chosen as a winner. Submission of an essay is optional but encouraged.
- Applications must be complete. Incomplete applications will be returned and not further considered for the contest.

Obtaining Forms

Original forms are not required. Photocopies and computer-generated or downloaded forms may be used.

Sending Forms

- When entering as a team, each team driver must submit a separate and complete application. Both drivers in a team will be considered for a single award.
- Contest entrants must indicate on the form the category of Super Van Operator contest in which they wish to compete. Entrants may compete in only one category per contest year; entrants are not barred from competing in different categories in successive years.
- Verification may include direct contact with the motor carrier for which the contest entrant drives, and may also include credit report histories, motor vehicle reports, commercial background inquiries, and other investigation to verify the accuracy of the information submitted. Additionally, all final applications must contain a statement of recommendation from the chief executive officer or safety director of the company to which he or she is under

contract, or for which he or she drives. ATA MSC will seek verification from the respective Van Line when applications are received from their agents.

- The contest judge(s) will scrutinize claims of large numbers of miles driven annually. Any claim of miles driven exceeding 125,000 annually by a single driver must be accompanied by a statement from the carrier's or agent's safety director attesting that a log audit did not reveal any driver out-of-service violations
- Erroneous or false information supplied on the application will result in immediate disqualification, and may potentially bar the applicant from competing in future Super Van Operator contests
- Contest information (e.g., mileage, accidents) must be current through August 31 of this year.
- Except for Lifetime Achievement contest entrants, customer letters and testimonials older than five (5) years will NOT be accepted. For Lifetime Achievement contest entrants, customer letters and testimonials older than ten (10) years will NOT be accepted. This age limitation only applies to customer letters and testimonials; it does not apply to carrier awards, honors, and recognition given to a contest entrant throughout his or her driving career.
- All applications and copies thereof become and remain the property of ATA MSC. No applications, pictures, or other contents will be returned.
- The decision of ATA MSC and of its judges is final and may not be appealed.

Contest Applications

All applications must be received by January 13, 2025.

Judging Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by ATA MSC based solely on objective criteria and judged based upon objective and subjective criteria by judges selected by ATA MSC who, in its sole judgment, are respected and knowledgeable members of the motor carrier community. Nominees may be contacted by judges to conduct a live or phone interview.

Criteria for reviewing applications are based upon a variety of objective and subjective factors, including but not limited to: accident experience (preventable and non-preventable); historical motor vehicle record; out of service orders (e.g., hours of service and equipment violations);

financial responsibility: violations received while operating non-commercial motor vehicles; community involvement and service; customer service; driving awards; and outside interests and activities.

Announcement of Winners

Based on the qualified applications received and subject to the discretion of the judges, there will be four (4) winners, one in each of the four Super Van Operator categories.

Personal Appearances

ATA MSC would like to recognize the contest winners and present their awards in person. While a personal appearance to receive an award is not required, we strongly encourage winners to attend the ATA MSC Annual Meeting, if at all possible.