

Call for Applications: 2009 ATA President's Awards

The Alabama Turfgrass Association recognizes its members for their expertise, hard-work and dedication to the turfgrass industry with the President's Award of Excellence each year. This award, presented at the Annual Conference and Tradeshow, is given to the member who manages exceptional turf, shows professionalism in their job performance and ability, promotes the turfgrass industry and is dedicated to their profession and ATA. There are four categories awarded: **Sports Field/Complex of the Year, Landscape/Lawn of the Year, Sod Farm of the Year, Golf Course of the Year.** We encourage every member to submit an application for this year's award before the September 1st deadline.

Winners of this award will receive:

1. A plaque presented at the Annual Conference during the General Assembly.
2. Featured member with article in ATA's magazine, *Turf Times*.
3. Free registration to the 2009 ATA Annual Conference and Tradeshow, October 20th - 22nd.

Criteria for consideration:

1. Applicants must be an ATA member (for three or more years).
2. All applications must be submitted in complete form along with a minimum of 10 digital photographs.
3. There must be at least three entries per category for a winner to be awarded for that category.
4. All sports fields, landscapes, sod farms and golf courses must be older than three years.

The awards committee, consisting of current and past ATA Presidents, will judge the entries. The application is printed below for your convenience. All entries must be received by September 1st. Good luck!



Presidents' Award of Excellence Application

Category of submission: (circle one): Sports Field Golf Course Landscape/Lawn Care Sod Farm

1. ATA Member Name: _____
2. Title: _____
3. Name of Employer/Company/Municipality: _____
4. Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Cell: _____ Email: _____
5. Provide a brief summary of your professional experience and training: _____
6. What is the name of your complex, landscape, sod farm, golf course: _____
7. What is the physical size/acreage of the turfgrass that you maintain at this facility: _____
8. What sport events/activities are held at your sports complex/how many rounds of golf are played on your course per year: _____
9. What is the original construction date of the facility: _____
10. Has your facility been renovated in the last three years: _____

11. How many employees maintain your facility: _____
12. How many man hours per week are spent on turf maintenance: _____
13. What variety(s) of turfgrass(es) do you maintain or sell: _____
14. What is the soil composition of your field, landscape, sod farm, golf course (native soil, sand based, modified sand based, etc.)? Please explain: _____
15. List all equipment used to maintain your facility (include owned, leased or borrowed): _____
16. Provide an organizational chart/diagram of all full and part-time staff working with turfgrass.
17. Describe your maintenance program and any special challenges faced by you and your staff. What changes have you made that have helped you overcome your biggest challenges: _____

18. List any awards that your complex, landscape, sod farm or golf course received: _____
19. Describe how ATA has benefited you as a turf manager: _____
20. Please submit a minimum of 10 digital photographs of your facility.

Submit application to:
ATA, P.O. Box 70, Auburn, AL 36831
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