



ACWA Awards

The **ACWA AWARDS** are designed to honor those outstanding individuals and teams who have contributed to the ACWA in an effort to better the organization through their commitment, leadership, dedication, public outreach and service in preserving the time period of the chuck wagon heritage.

The ACWA Board of Directors may limit the awards each year at its discretion or for lack of appropriate funds.

PROCEDURES FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

- **A completed ACWA Nomination form accompanied by a letter stating why the individual and/or event should receive the award shall be submitted either by email or USPS to the Chairman of the Awards Committee by September 1, 2024.**
- A notification specifying award categories and nomination deadlines will be sent to all members.
- Nominations **MUST** be submitted by an ACWA member in good standing.
- The Awards Committee shall be responsible for evaluating the nominations and submitting the top three candidates of each category to the ACWA Board of Directors.
- The final decision on selection will belong to the ACWA Board of Directors.
- The Board of Directors, excluding the president, will be allowed to cast one vote for each category. The person receiving the most votes will be the award recipient. Should the vote be tied the ACWA president will cast his or her vote.
- The Chairman will notify the finalists in advance of the annual meeting.
- The awards will be given at the annual meeting.
- Nominations do not carry over. Nominees who are not selected may be re-nominated in subsequent years.



ACWA AWARD NOMINATIONS

_____ **The Pioneer Award** – For an individual who exhibits the true American spirit of the Old West through continued dedication to the improvement of the American Chuck Wagon Association

_____ **The Western Heritage Award** – For an individual who has made a lasting and significant contribution to furthering the historical and cultural heritage of the American chuck wagon heritage.

_____ **The Rookie of the Year Award** – For an individual who made outstanding achievements and/or impressions in their first year of chuck wagon ownership or competition cooking.

_____ **The Hoodlum Award** – For the “number one assistant” to the head cook of a wagon team for dedicated service and commitment to **“THE BRAND”**.

_____ **The Young Coosie Award** – For a youngster, who has, within his/her first 2-3 years of participation in chuck wagon related events demonstrated a grasp of chuck wagons and an admirable ability and dedication to chuck wagon cooking.

_____ **The Event Award** – For the event that is considered to best exemplify what competitors feel is the best run chuck wagon event.

Contact information for nominee:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Contact information for person making nomination:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

IMPORTANT: You must attach a letter supporting the nomination with a short statement of why you think this person and/or event deserves the award. Please return the nomination form and letter to Jack Ramey, jack.ramey@aol.com or if mailing send to: Jack Ramey, 8405 S. Richland Road, Mustang, Oklahoma 73064-9317. **Deadline for submission is September 1, 2024.**

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