

INDIANA BLACKSMITHING ASSOCIATION
BLACKSMITH OF THE YEAR - GUIDELINES

Qualifications:

- The application for Blacksmith of the Year must be returned to the chairperson of the Blacksmith of the Year Committee no later than April 1st.
- The candidate must be a member in good standing and must be petitioned by a member in good standing.
- The petitioner should give a history of the candidate and their accomplishments. It should include their outstanding skills, their contribution to blacksmithing and/or the IBA, and reasons for why they should be Blacksmith of the Year.
- A committee shall be formed, which consists of the chairperson of the Blacksmith of the Year Committee, the Education chairperson, two IBA members appointed by the chairman and approved by the board, as well as the current Blacksmith of the Year.
- The committee may either select the Blacksmith of the Year or, if they wish, they may select three to five candidates from the applications. In the latter case, the IBA membership will vote on the candidates at the conference.
- Pictures or articles demonstrating their workmanship should also be submitted. They will either be sold or returned, whichever the candidate wishes.
- Announcement of the winner will be made at the Saturday evening auction.
- The Blacksmith of the Year Winner will receive a plaque or trophy, a hat indicating they are Blacksmith of the Year, and items from the IBA store as determined by the committee.

Send completed forms to:

Harold L. Wineinger,
Chairperson of the Blacksmith of the Year Committee
12173 E. State Road 250
Crothersville, IN 47229