

Spark Plug Award Guidelines

The Spark Plug Award is presented to the TCA member who recruited/referred the most new members to TCA during the 12 month period from 9/1 – 8/31 and the award is presented at the annual TCA convention. The one TCA member with the most recruits in that period will receive a recognition award and if they recruited 6 or more new members in the period they will receive a TCA paid registration for the next annual TCA convention (example: Spark Plug winner for the period 9/1/05-8/31/06 will be recognized at the 2006 convention and will receive free registration to the 2007 TCA convention). Notes: A new member is someone that has never been a TCA member before or who has not been a TCA member in the last 3 or more consecutive TCA dues years. If the winner does not attend the NEXT TCA convention – the paid registration will not carry-over to future conventions and is not transferable. The specific dates and time frame (or length) may be adjusted by the TCA Board of Directors depending on the actual dates of the conventions.

Only one convention registration will be awarded annually. If there is a tie for the most recruits (at 6 or more) during the designated period by two or more TCA members, the convention registration will be split between those winners planning to attend the next TCA convention.

TCA members who recruited at least 1 new member during the designated period will receive a “Spark Plug Certificate of Appreciation”. These certificates will be presented at the annual convention (if possible) or mailed if the member is not in attendance at the convention.

Any and all TCA members who recruited new members (1 or more) will be recognized in an article in The Joey Journal issue following the annual convention.

It will be the responsibility of the current TCA Treasurer to determine the Spark Plug Award winner and to timely follow the steps below to ensure that the winner is properly recognized and all certificates are presented.

Treasurer’s Duties –

Approximately 2-4 weeks prior to the convention –

- 1) Review all new member records received for the designated period to determine the winner and list of persons to receive certificates and/or Joey Journal recognition.
- 2) Notify the trophy maker to prepare the award
- 3) Prepare the recognition certificates
- 4) Prepare and submit The Joey Journal article to the Editor by the issue deadline
- 5) Submit registration/payment for the winner, if applicable, to the next TCA convention. (Should no convention be held in the next calendar year, the paid registration is good for the NEXT TCA convention.)

These guidelines approved by the TCA Board of Directors in April 2006.