



Texas Callers' Prestige Award Requirements

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The Texas State Callers' Association

The Texas Callers' Prestige Award is established to honor those callers who have done an outstanding job on a local and/or regional basis. This award is a "STAND ALONE" award.

- I. Nominee must have called in the State of Texas 20 years or more. The 20-year minimum requirement need not be continuous, but the total years must add to 20 and include permanent residency within the state of Texas. It is accepted that many callers have worked within the state of Texas (i.e.: trailer parks, camp resorts, etc.), but unless that caller established a permanent residence within the state, s/he would not qualify under this guideline.

Be it also understood that a caller might have permanent residency within the state of Texas for the required minimum number of years, but has spent the majority of his/her time calling in other states or countries. If the nominee has retained his/her permanent residence and called for a minimum of 20 years, even though it Texas was not his/her primary source of calling engagements, (i.e.: a traveling caller), the nominee would satisfy the requirements.

- II. Nominee must have displayed true leadership and professionalism:

Leadership can be described in several ways:

- A. Current active member of his/her local and/or state callers' association.
- B. Serving his/her local and/or state callers association by being elected to an office, doing extended committee work, giving freely of one's time if called upon by state or local associations, clubs and/or peers.
- C. Demonstrating true leadership while emphasize mutual support and cooperative relationships with fellow dancers and callers and demonstrate a continuous roll of "Practicing What You Preach" for the good of square dancing.
- D. A professional demonstration of consistent compliance with the spirit of the TSCA Code of Ethics.

- III. Nominee must qualify under ONE of the five accomplishments below:

- A. Have a broad influence on the square dance activity through individual involvement in local or state callers' associations, or through teaching callers' schools and clinics, or through music production.
- B. Called for the same club 20 years or more
- C. Worked in uncharted fields (i.e., wheelchair dancers, exhibition squares, etc.)
- D. Taught 300 or more basic/mainstream students (2 squares a year would take 19 years, 4 squares a year would take 8-9 years)
- E. Contributed 100 or more hours calling square dance parties and square dance demonstrations for church groups, school classes, state fairs, festivals and nursing homes, etc.

Special Notes:

- When submitting applications for nomination, non-arbitrary facts pertaining to the guidelines, e.g.: number of years, dancers, classes, longevity, etc., should be researched by the submitting party. Additional names of verifying parties are encouraged and have a positive influence on the decision of the selection committee.
- The TSCA Prestige Award Nominating Committee will consist of 3 (three) members: the TSCA Vice President as coordinator and two additional callers. Prestige Award applications shall be sent to the TSCA Vice President by December 31st of each year to be voted on in the following year. This will allow the committee to review each nominee and present their names for a vote by the Executive Board in a timely manner.
- All of the above are suggested guidelines. The TSCA may alter any or all of them if there are circumstances to warrant such: e.g.: A caller who has exceptional talent and has dedicated many years of service to the square dance community, but does not make the 20-year requirement, due to an accident or not having lived in Texas for 20 years.

****The above requirements were approved by the TSCA Executive Board in December 2013.***

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OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

(**Confidential!** Do NOT discuss with nominee)

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This is a confidential nomination. Please do not discuss with nominee, or with any other person or group except as absolutely needed to complete this form.

Nominee's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Submitted by:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Instruction Format:

1. Furnish as much information as you can for each heading.
2. Follow the format and paragraph structure shown on the attached sheets.
3. Use as many sheets as required; each additional sheet (8 1/2 x 11) must be signed by person making nomination.
4. All entries should be type or printed.

Deadline:

Nominations must be received by the TSCA Vice President by December 31st of each year to be voted on in the following year. Nominations received after that date will be held and processed a year later.

Mailing Address:

Send the completed and signed Official Nomination Form with attached sheets of background information (if any) to the TSCA Vice President.

For TSCA Prestige Award Committee Use ONLY:

Date received: _____ Nominee considered: Yes ____ No ____

Remarks (form incomplete, etc): _____

Recommended: Yes ____ No ____

Investigation Report: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Nominee's Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Texas State Callers' Association activities:

Other activities involving local, national, international associations:

Awards or honors received (give dates):

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Nominee's Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Reason(s) you feel nominee rates consideration for this award:

Additional information or comments which you feel may be helpful to the Prestige Award Committee
(use additional sheets as required):

Signed: _____ Date: _____