

OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL DRIVER

Category Description:

The professional truck driver is without question the foundation of this great industry. The role that the professional driver plays in delivering the products that everyone depends upon is critical and extremely important.

Eligibility Requirements:

To be nominated for the **OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL DRIVER** award, applicants must meet the following criteria & submit all requested documents listed below.

- Driver must be nominated, and employed, by an IMTA member company
- Driver must be a full-time driver, driving at least 11 of the past 12 months
- Driver must be employed by the company for at least 3 years
- Driver must have at least 5 years, or 500,000 miles, without a preventable accident (Years do not need to be concurrent)
- Driver must not have any moving violations or roadside inspection violations in the last 3 years
- Driver must be able to attend the awards banquet on the evening of Thursday, September 11, in Coralville, IA at the Hyatt Regency hotel and conference center

Required Documents:

- Completed nomination form
- MVR

Prize Opportunities & Recognition Details:

Awards will be presented in conjunction with the IMTA's Management Conference at the IMTA Awards Gala on the evening of Thursday, September 24, in Coralville, IA at the Hyatt Regency hotel and conference center.

The individuals selected to be recognized as an **OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL DRIVER** will each receive **\$250 cash and additional awards hardware**. One overall winner will be selected from the nominees and named the overall **Outstanding Professional Driver of the Year**. This individual will receive an additional **\$1,000 cash and a commemorative gift**.

IMTA Communications Process:

- 1) **Receipt of Nomination Form** --- an IMTA representative will email the nominator to confirm the completed nomination form & all accompanying documents have been received. Should any information be missing, the IMTA representative will inform the nominator at this time that the nomination form is not considered eligible & all missing items must be submitted by **THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026, at 5:00 PM.**
- 2) **Email Notification to Nominator** --- an IMTA representative will email the nominator to inform them if the submitted nominee will be recognized at the IMTA Awards Gala. At this time, the nominator will also be informed of what is being mailed to the home address of the nominee. Estimated timeframe for this process is to conclude 2-weeks post deadline date of **THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026, at 5:00 PM.**
- 3) **Mailing to Nominee's Home Address** --- an IMTA representative will mail a formal letter to the nominee to inform them of their nomination and if they will be recognized at the IMTA Awards Gala. Estimated timeframe for this process is to conclude 2-weeks post deadline date of **THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026, at 5:00 PM.**

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Nomination Form

For this nomination form to be considered eligible, all requested documents be submitted prior to THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026, at 5:00 PM. These documents include a completed nomination form (all 3 pages) and supporting documents requested.

Nominee Name

Home Address

Home City, State & Zip

Nominee Email

Nominee Phone

Company Name

Terminal City & State

Nominator Name

Nominator Email

Nominator Phone

Nominator Signature

EMAIL COMPLETED FORMS TO:

Blake Grolmus: blake@iowamotortruck.com

DEADLINE REMINDER: Completed nominations due by 5:00 PM on Thursday, August 6, 2026.

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of Years as a Professional Driver _____

of Years Operating with Present Company _____

of Consecutive Accident-Free Years _____

of Preventable Accidents in the Last 10 Years _____

of **TOTAL** Career Miles _____

Truck Driving Championships Participation

of Years Participating in the Iowa Truck Driving Championships _____

of Years Participating in other state Truck Driving Championships _____

Nominee Statement --- “What does the trucking industry mean to me”

*In this section, please have the **Outstanding Professional Driver** nominee write about what the trucking industry means to them.*

Nominator Statement --- “Why is this individual deserving of the Outstanding Professional Driver award?”

In this section, please describe the characteristics that make this individual stand out and demonstrate their safety and dedication to their profession.