

MASTER TRUCK DRIVER *(focus on years with company/industry)*

Category Description:

The **Master Truck Driver** award recognizes our industry's top drivers who have compiled a career record of excellence through professionalism and service. The **Master Truck Driver** award is meant to recognize professional drivers who have proven a career of longevity and safety in the industry.

Eligibility Requirements:

To be nominated for the **MASTER TRUCK 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 10 years
- Driver must have driven at least 10 consecutive years, or 1,000,000 miles, without a preventable accident
- 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 24, 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 a **MASTER TRUCK DRIVER** will each receive **\$500 cash and additional awards hardware**. One overall winner will be selected from the nominees and named the overall **Master Truck Driver of the Year**. This individual will receive an additional **\$1,500 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 4 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

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Driving History

of Years as a Professional Driver _____

of Years Operating with Present Company _____

of Consecutive Accident-Free Years _____

of Preventable Accidents in Career _____

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 _____

Awards & Recognition

*Please enter information specific to any awards & special recognitions the **Master Truck Driver** nominee has received during his or her driving career.*

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Civic or Community Involvement

*Please enter information specific to any civic or community involvement the **Master Truck Driver** nominee has participated in throughout his or her driving career.*

Nominee Statement --- "What does the trucking industry mean to me"

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

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Nominator Statement --- “Why is this individual deserving of the Master Truck Driver award?”

In this section, please describe the characteristics that set the individual apart from others, demonstrate their dedication to safety, service, and professionalism, and represent their commitment to excellence.