

# Driver of the Month/ Driver of the Year

## 2026 Nomination Application



**Nomination Deadlines:**  
July 31, 2026

If you have any questions, please contact the CTA Events Department at (916) 373-3528  
or by email at [events@caltrux.org](mailto:events@caltrux.org)

## 2026 Driver of the Month/Year Awards Program

Drivers of the Month are chosen each year from 3 categories: 1 to 10 Years, 11 to 20 Years, and 21 or more years of professional driving experience. A maximum of 12 local drivers and 12-line drivers are selected in each category in both the North and South divisions. Both Divisions will have a Driver of the Year selected from all the winners in that division. Drivers with less than 11 years of professional driving experience are not eligible to be considered for the Driver of the Year award.

The Selection Committee for CTA's Driver of the Month program may include officers from agencies regulating highway safety, safety specialists from the motor fleets, and insurance companies.

The Committee members make their selections from the information contained in this form. Every item should be filled in completely. Every effort should be made to verify the years of service, miles, preventable and non-preventable accidents, for both past and present employers. An individual driver is eligible to be selected as Driver of the Month every two years. If a driver was awarded Driver of the Month in the previous year, he or she may be nominated the current year as an Honorable Mention Award. The Honorable Mention recipients are eligible to be named Driver of the Year.

Selections will be made on the following basis:

1. Any contributions to highway safety.
2. A long-standing record of courteous and safe driving.
3. Any deeds of heroism on the road.
4. Outstanding acts of courtesy on the highway.
5. Company safety and training projects, participation in the Truck Driving Championships, and other driving skills or safety awards.
6. Civic and fraternal group activities and community service.

**All** preventable and non-preventable accidents in the driver's career must be recorded and explained. In trying to decide between drivers with nearly identical records, the nature of non-preventable accidents can be very important. **Note:** The only accidents which do not need to be counted against the contestant's record are: 1) When the contestant's vehicle was legally and properly parked, and 2) When the contestant's vehicle was stopped in traffic and in compliance with a traffic sign or signal, or at the direction of a peace officer. Please include any additional facts about the driver on a separate sheet and submit it with the nomination form.

A company with current membership in good standing may enter California domiciled drivers with no limit on the number of entries. All nominations are considered for each of the remaining months of the year in which they were submitted. The Selection Committee may award drivers with outstanding records, who still could not be declared drivers of the month, a Certificate of Merit. The supervisor who submitted the nomination will be notified of the winners. **Companies with winners are to pay a \$125 entry fee per driver to help provide awards and an official ring for the Driver of the Year.**

The Selection Committee will meet the week of September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026. It is necessary to choose winners in September so that a Driver of the Year can be selected and nominated for national honors and the planning of the awards banquets. Awards Banquets will be held in November.

Each Driver of the Month will receive a commemorative award and the company will receive a plaque. The Drivers of the Year will receive an official ring.

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To be completed by the company official who is nominating the driver. Please type or print.

Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Employee #: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's Home Terminal: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Location** (select one):  Northern  Southern

**Division** (select one):  Line (long distances or between cities)  Local (driving within 100 air miles)

**Commercial vehicle driving experience:**  1 to 10 years  11 to 20 years  21+ years

1. Please enclose a copy of driver's current DMV printout (Pull Notice, MVR or DMV Report - ALL information must be current and valid). **Must indicate the current medical card expiration date.**
2. You may attach copies of letters of commendation from the drivers file, if applicable/
3. A digital color head and shoulder photo of applicant will be requested for the winners after the judging. **Do NOT submit a photo with this application.**

Did this driver win a California Trucking Association Driver of the Month award in 2025?  Yes  No

If your driver wins, will you be participating in the awards presentation in November?  Yes  No

We have thoroughly investigated the history, background, and accident/injury statistics of this individual and attest that the information submitted on this Driver of the Month application is true, accurate, and complete. (Signature must be present.)

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Verified by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (if submitting electronically, type initials as electronic signature)

Typed name and title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please email completed applications to [events@caltrux.org](mailto:events@caltrux.org)

**Driver History:**

|                           | Career Years of Commercial Driving | Career Mileage | Career Number of Accidents | Career Number of Citations |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Years w/ Present Employer |                                    |                |                            |                            |
| Years w/ Past Employer(s) |                                    |                |                            |                            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              |                                    |                |                            |                            |

Annual Mileage: \_\_\_\_\_ Accident-Free Miles: \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment Operated: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Run: \_\_\_\_\_ Usual Run: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**Preventable Accidents:** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*\*Very Important that all information is completed\*\***

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-Preventable Accidents:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Citations:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Our company is nominating this driver for the 2026 Driver of the Month award for the following reasons** (please give a full explanation. Additional information can be included on a separate sheet.):

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Any industrial injury(s) with the current company?  Yes  No If yes, please indicate date, circumstances, and amount of time lost: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver participation in civic and/or fraternal groups?  Yes  No If yes, please list the groups and/or activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the applicant participated in any CTA or other Truck Driving Championships?  Yes  No If yes, please indicate the year, and number of championships, or any awards: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the applicant received any company safety awards?  Yes  No If yes, please indicate the years, and type of awards: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the applicant participated on any special company committees or projects?  Yes  No If yes, please provide explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

Was the applicant named a CTA Driver of the Month last year?  Yes  No

Additional safety courses or activities engaged/participated in (CPR, First Aid, Military, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
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