



Driver of the Month/ Driver of the Year

2026 Nomination Application

Nomination Deadlines:

August 14, 2026

\$35 Driver Recognition Program Fee due upon nomination

If you have any questions, please contact the CTA Events Department at (916) 373-3528
or by email at 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 for 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 that regulate highway safety, safety specialists from motor fleets, and representatives from 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 for 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. When deciding between drivers with nearly identical records, the nature of non-preventable accidents can be very important. **Note:** The only accidents that 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 by direction of a peace officer. Please include any additional facts about the driver on a separate sheet and submit it with the nomination form.

There is a \$35 "Driver Recognition Program Fee" for each application submitted. This fee supports the California Trucking Association's Driver Recognition Program, including nomination review, award administration, promotion of winners, recognition materials, and the annual banquet celebrating California's safest and most professional drivers. A portion of this fee goes towards promoting safe driving programs within California's motor carrier industry.

A company with a 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 are submitted. The Selection Committee may award a Certificate of Merit to drivers with outstanding records who still cannot be declared drivers of the month. The supervisor who submitted the nomination will be notified of the winners.

The Selection Committee will meet in September. It is necessary to select winners in September so that the Driver of the Year can be nominated for national honors. This allows ample time to plan for attending the Awards Banquets, which are 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 the 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 driver's file, if applicable/
3. A digital color head and shoulder photo of the 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 an electronic signature)

Typed name and title: _____

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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)				
TOTAL				

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.):

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.): _____
