

INDIANA BLACKSMITHING ASSOCIATION ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - GUIDELINES

Nominations for Rookie of the Year must be returned to the chairperson of the Awards Committee no later than April 1st.

The candidate must be an IBA member in good standing and must be nominated by one of the satellite groups or have a petition signed by three (3) members of the IBA in good standing.

The candidate must have been blacksmithing for three years or less at the time of the application.

The nominating group complete the Rookie of the Year Nomination Form found at the IBA web site (<http://www.indianablacksmithing.org/>).

Examples of work (and/or photographs of work) demonstrating the candidate's workmanship should be placed on display at the annual IBA Conference. We encourage the candidate to donate some or all of these items for auction at the Conference. All items must be clearly marked as either "For Auction" or "Not for Auction." Items submitted for auction should be given to the auction coordinator by noon on Saturday of the Conference

The Rookie of the Year will be selected by the Awards Committee together with the Education chairperson and the current Rookie of the Year. Selection will be based upon the Rookie of the Year Application Form and upon the workmanship demonstrated in the submitted examples of work.

Announcement of the winner will be made at the Saturday evening auction at the Conference.

The Rookie of the Year winner will receive a plaque and items from the IBA store with value not exceeding \$50. In addition, the recipient will receive a 2-3 day training session with an established IBA blacksmith. The recipient is strongly encouraged to report back to the IBA the ways in which the training session improved his/her blacksmithing skills or capabilities. This could involve a demonstration at a future IBA meeting or an article in the *Forge Fire*.

Send completed forms to:
Chairperson of the Awards Committee
(at the address that can be found on the first page of the *Forge Fire*)