A. W. CRAIN AWARD

The A. W. Crain Award can be awarded to any member or friend of the Texas Turfgrass Association whose meritorious service deserves the highest award of the Association. A recipient shall have:

- **Maintained active years of service in the turf industry.**
- **Participated in programs leading to the improvement of the turf industry.**
- **Initiated special programs on behalf of the turfgrass industry.**
- **Expressed willingness and ability to handle turfgrass-related tasks over and above normal activities.**
- **Participated actively in the affairs of the Texas Turfgrass Association**
- **Maintained the highest standards in personal conduct and appearance.**
- **Established a history of community and civic responsibilities.**
- **Donated or contributed to projects affecting the turfgrass industry.**
- **Contributed measurably to the development of forward momentum of the Association.**

SPECIAL AWARDS

A Special Award may be conferred upon any person who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of turf management. The recipient of a Special Award shall be a distinguished member of long, faithful and honorable service in the turfgrass management field.

The recipient shall have developed and maintained to a high degree the areas which they have been associated, shall have advanced the turfgrass management conception in their own locale, and shall have actively participated in the furtherance and welfare of the turfgrass management movement through other means.

Nominations must be submitted no later than September 1 of this year to:

AWARDS COMMITTEE
Texas Turfgrass Association
P. O. Box 9928
College Station, TX 77842
979.690.2201
800.830.8873 979.690.1335 (fax)

Plaques will be awarded to the winning entries in each category and they will be featured in TEXAS TURFGRASS magazine. All entries become the property of the Texas Turfgrass Association and will not be returned. For further information contact the TTA office or e-mail questions to info@texasturf.com













2015 TEXAS TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION AWARDS PROGRAM

CATEGORIES & ENTRY INFORMATION

FOOTBALL, BASEBALL, SOFTBALL & SOCCER FIELDS

Fields must be two years or older and under the continuous care of the entrant for at least two years. Complexes of fields may be entered as one entry provided pictures or slides are included of entire complex.

No more than 15 color photos on 1 disc from the current calendar year. These must include, but not limited to, the following:

- Overall field from top of stands, behind outfield fence, behind home plate or from end zone
- Infield and outfield grass, sideline areas in front
- of dugouts and around home plate
- Center of field between hash marks and sideline areas
- Goal areas and middle of field
- Maintenance crew working with equipment on
- the field

Narrative descriptions of field not to exceed three double-spaced pages on disc.

- Age of field
- Geographic location (city and part of state)
- Description of maintenance program and equipment used
- Supplies used
- Operating budget for field
- Irrigation: automatic, manual or none
- Total number of maintenance personnel for field
- Does field have lighting for night games
- Number of events and months of use on field per year
- Why do you think the field is one of the best

GREEN THUMB OF THE YEAR

This will be someone who just had it all come together and had an outstanding year growing turfgrass.

GOLF COURSE – PRIVATE/RESORT OR MUNICIPAL/DAILY FEE

This project needs to include photos of:

- Tee boxes
- Fairways
- Greens
- Roughs, out of bounds and hazards
- Irrigation
- Practice areas
- Drainage
- Photos of crew members working with equipment

Include a narrative description of the facility not to exceed three double spaced pages on disc. Indicate how this facility meets the needs of your clientele.

- Age of facility
- Geographic location (city and part of state)
- Operating budget
- Type of irrigation
- Total number of maintenance personnel for facility
- Why do you think the facility is one of the best

TURF LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

Site must be at least two years old and under the continuous care of the entrant for at least two years. There are two categories: Under 10,000 sq. ft. and 10,000 sq. ft. and above.

Include no more than 15 color photos on disc from the current calendar year. Please include two sets. You may include the following:

- Pictures of grass from different angles around the area
- Crew members working with equipment
- Maintenance practices such as mowing, edging, trimming, fertilizing, safety, etc.

Include a narrative description of your entry not to exceed three double-spaced pages on disc.

- Type of turfgrass
- Description of maintenance program and equipment used
- Supplies used
- Irrigation: automatic, manual or none
- Operating budget for area maintained
- Total number of maintenance staff
- Special challenges or problems
- Why do you think this turfspace is one of the best

OUTSTANDING COMMERCIAL AFFILIATE

The purpose of this award is to recognize an individual or company that has made a major contribution to the betterment of the turfgrass industry in the current year.

The guidelines to follow are:

- Shall be an active member of and in good standing with TTA
- Shall have donated or contributed to sponsorship of events for the benefit of the TTA and its current members
- Shall be active in recruitment of new members
- Shall promote the turfgrass industry through both work and volunteer efforts
- Shall have contributed to the development of TTA