

2012 ABA AWARDS RULES AND GUIDELINES

All awards for the calendar year (Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2011) will be awarded at the ABA Annual Awards Banquet on April 14, 2012. Awards will not be mailed. Awards must be picked up at the banquet by the recipient or their designee, none will be mailed out..

- 1. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE HARVESTED WITH A BOW AND ARROW ONLY.**
2. Applicant must have been a member in good standing of the ABA BEFORE the animal was harvested to be eligible for any awards given by the ABA.
3. Member must apply for each award he/she is eligible for in order to receive the award. Application blanks are included in mailing or via internet site www.arizonabowhunters.org
4. Applicant may enter 1 to 5 animals on a single application blank. Five is the maximum number on each application.
5. All applications must be **postmarked NO LATER THAN March 24, 2012.**
6. Applicants are encouraged to bring their mounted animals to the banquet for display.

The awards that a member may apply for and the requirements for each are as follows:

Applications must be submitted with a signature of a witness for verification of the harvest.

Elite, Master, Expert and Dedicated Bowhunter awards must each be submitted on a separate application blank.

BIG GAME AWARD- This award will be given for each big game species the member harvests. Member is eligible to receive a plaque one time only for each species. Complete the “Big or Small Game Awards Application” and circle Big Game. The hunter may apply for more than five big game animal awards but only five per application. Please don’t combine Large and Small game on one application.

SMALL GAME AWARD- This award will be given for each species of small game harvested by the applicant. Member can receive only one award, per species, in their lifetime. These awards will be mailed to the recipient and are the only awards that can be applied for at any time of year. Upon applying the member will receive his/her award in the form of a certificate within thirty days from the receipt of the application. No more than five animals may be listed on one application. Use the Big or Small Game Awards Application and circle Small Game.

TROPHY ANIMAL AWARD- This award will be given annually for each big game species in Arizona (Coues & Mule Deer, Mountain Lion, Black Bear, Buffalo, Desert & Rocky Mtn. Bighorn Sheep, Antelope, Elk, Javelina, and Turkey). Trophy animal will be judged by measurement obtained from an Arizona Trophy Book measurer, Pope and Young Club or Boone & Crocket(archery only of course) measurer. Applicant must include a copy of the Official measurers report. Three awards will be given each year for each species: Largest trophy and two Honorable mentions. A picture is required to be submitted with the application. The picture is to contain the hunter and the trophy (May be skull with antlers, mounted or however the hunter has kept his trophy). If the animal was harvested in December, the green measurement will suffice. In the event of a tie the non-green measurement will win. There is no fee to apply for this award but a Big Game Award application must have been submitted to be eligible.

There will be no distinction made between Typical and Non-Typical for award purposes

Expert Bowhunter Award - Award is given to the hunter having harvested 6,7,8,9,10, or 11 different big game species in Arizona. This award can only be received one time per year, and may not be duplicated in number of animals (example) 6 species in 1995 and 7 species in 1996 is acceptable. Hunters must be a member of the ABA at the time of the harvest. An application must be filled-out to receive this award.

Master Bowhunter Award - Award is given to the hunter having harvested five different species of big game in animals in Arizona in a three year period. Hunter must have been a member of the ABA when each animal was harvested. This is a onetime award. Hunter is eligible to one during his/her lifetime.

Elite Bowhunter Award - Award is given to the hunter harvesting four different big game species in Arizona in one year. Hunter must have been a member of the ABA when each animal was harvested. This award can be earned annually by the member.

Dedicated Bowhunter Award - Award is given to the hunter having harvested ten big game animals over a period of four years while a member of the ABA. The ten animals can be all one species, or different species of big game . The animals can be harvested in Arizona or other states and provinces during the four year time period.(Exceptions: only one feral hog and one Catalina goat may be counted for this award) This award can be earned whenever the hunter meets the minimum of ten animals within four years. If the hunter can accomplish this feat in one year, he/she can receive the award.

NORM PINT AWARD (formally the **Outstanding ABA Bowhunter of the Year** Award) This award is given for commendable service as determined by the ABA Board of Directors. Member may be nominated by any member in good standing of the ABA. This award may not be given if the board does not feel there is a member who deserves this outstanding award. There is no fee attached to this application for award.