

SCBA Guidelines for Annual Awards

Beekeeper of the Year

Junior Beekeeper of the Year

Volunteer of the Year

- On April 1st each year, the SCBA Executive Committee shall issue a call for nominees for each category of award from SC Local Associations to each Local Association President and/or Liaison
- The award categories shall include: Beekeeper of the Year, Junior Beekeeper of the Year and Volunteer of the Year
- All Nominees must be a current member of an Affiliated SC Beekeepers Association and a current member of SCBA
- The Membership of each Local Association is eligible to select 1 (one) nominee for each category of award
- A nomination letter for each selected candidate from a SC Local Association shall be submitted to the SCBA Executive Committee by May 31st each year by the Local Association President or his or her designee
- All candidate nomination letters for all categories shall be distributed to the SCBA Board of Directors on June 1st each year for their review
- The Criteria to be used by the Board of Directors when selecting a category winner shall include the following:
 - ✓ Extent of service to their Local Beekeeping Association
 - ✓ Extent of service to their local community in providing education on Honey Bees and Beekeeping
 - ✓ Extent of outreach to other South Carolina Communities and States in the Southeast in support of Honey Bees and Beekeeping
 - ✓ Success in developing and implementing new ideas and techniques in managing Honey Bees
 - ✓ Extent of service to SCBA membership Beekeepers and SCBA conference activities
 - ✓ Demonstration of good communication and presentation skills
 - ✓ Exhibits a willingness to learn and mentor new beekeepers
 - ✓ Extent of Honey Bee research activities
- At the Board of Directors meeting in June each year the Board of Directors shall vote on the nominees in each category and select a winner for each
- The winners in each category shall be awarded an engraved plaque at the SCBA conference in July each year