



Texas Callers' Prestige Award

(sponsored by the Texas State Callers' Association)

The Texas Callers' Prestige Award is established to honor those callers who have done an outstanding job on a local and/or regional basis. It is a "stand-alone" award. It should be noted that the Prestige Award is separate from the Hall of Fame Award.

1. Recipient must have called in the State of Texas 20 years or more
2. Recipient must have displayed true leadership and professionalism:
 - Leading local and/or state callers' association by being elected to an office, doing extended committee work, giving freely of one's time if called upon by state or local associations, clubs and/or peers
 - True leaders emphasize mutual support and cooperative relationships with fellow dancers and callers and demonstrate a continuous roll of "practicing what you preach" for the good of square dancing
 - A professional demonstration of consistent compliance with the spirit of the TSCA Code of Ethics
3. Recipient must qualify under ONE of the five accomplishments below:
 - Have a broad influence on the square dance activity through individual involvement in local or state callers' associations, or through teaching callers' schools and clinics, or through music production
 - Called for the same club 20 years or more
 - Worked in uncharted fields (i.e., wheelchair dancers, exhibition squares, etc.
 - Taught 300 or more basic/mainstream students (2 squares a year would take 19 years, 4 squares a year would take 8-9 years)
 - Contributed 100 or more hours calling square dance parties and square dance demonstrations for church groups, school classes, state fairs, festivals and nursing homes, etc.

Note: When submitting applications for the Prestige Award, non-arbitrary facts pertaining to the guidelines, e.g.: number of years, dancers, classes, longevity, etc., should be researched and verified by the submitting party. Additional names of verifying parties are encouraged and have a positive influence on the decision of the selection committee.

All of the above are suggested guidelines. The TSCA may alter any or all of them if there are circumstances to warrant such: e.g.: A caller who has exceptional talent and has dedicated many years of service to the square dance community, but does not make the 20-year requirement, due to an accident or not having lived in Texas for 20 years.

Note: The TSCA Prestige Award Nominating Committee will consist of 3 (three) members: the TSCA Vice President as coordinator and two additional callers. This committee may be the same as the Hall of Fame Committee.

Prestige Award applications shall be sent to the TSCA Vice President by December 31st of each year to be voted on in the following year. This will allow the Prestige Award Committee to review each nominee and present their names for a vote by the Executive Board in a timely manner. Should an applicant not be approved by the Executive Board, the nomination may be submitted to the membership of TSCA for review.

The above requirements were approved by the TSCA Executive Board in August 2009.