



## Tennessee Simmental Association Membership Awards & Recognition

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### **Nomination, Deadline & Selection**

The deadline to nominate a candidate for recognition is February 15, 2017. Nominations may be submitted by any TSSA or TJSA member in good standing as of December 31, 2016. Members may not nominate more than one candidate for any award category. Award winners will be chosen by the Board of Directors who will vote on all nominated, eligible candidates. Any category with more than three (3) candidates will be decided by run-off vote. If no candidate is nominated by the membership before the deadline, then any member of the Board of Directors may present a candidate to be considered or the Board may elect not to present that award for the given year.

### **Presentation**

Awards shall be presented during the annual membership meeting traditionally held in conjunction with the Tennessee Beef Agribition the second weekend of March.

### **Awards & Criteria**

**The Pioneer Award** goes to a distinguished seed stock breeder who has maintained a membership with ASA and/or TSSA and has made significant contributions to the promotion of the Simmental breed in the state of Tennessee. A candidate for The Pioneer Award should have had a profound effect on his or her peers in both the purebred and commercial cattle sectors, should have involvement with other community, civic, or agricultural endeavors, and should have supported youth activities on a local, state, or national level.

Criteria: Must be a current or past member of ASA and/or TSSA. Must be a resident of Tennessee.

**Seedstock Producer of the Year** is recognized for his or her extraordinary contributions to the Simmental breed on the local, state, regional, or national level.

Criteria: Must be a current member of ASA and/or TSSA. Must be a resident of Tennessee.

**Commercial Producer of the Year** is recognized for his or her outstanding commitment to promoting the Simmental breed in the context of the commercial beef industry in Tennessee.

Criteria: Must be a resident of Tennessee.

**Junior Herdsman Award** is given to a youth member who has shown outstanding leadership and involvement on a local, state, regional, or national level. The Junior Herdsman Award recognizes a young advocate of the Simmental breed who clearly demonstrates a commitment to the cattle industry and specifically to the Simmental breed.

Criteria: Must have either received or be a candidate to receive the AJSA Bronze Merit Award. Must be a current member of AJSA and/or TJSA. Must be a resident of Tennessee or must be actively involved in a recognized Tennessee youth program pursuing livestock interests (4-H, FFA, livestock project group in Tennessee, etc.)

**Junior Rookie of the Year** is presented to a youth in his or her first, second, or third year of involvement who demonstrates great enthusiasm and commitment to the Simmental breed through participation in local, state, regional, or national activities. The Junior Rookie of the Year will be selected by the Junior Advisory Board; therefore, no nominations will be accepted for this award.

Criteria: Must be a current member of AJSA and/or TJSA. Must be a resident of Tennessee or must be actively involved in a recognized Tennessee youth program pursuing livestock interests (4-H, FFA, livestock project group in Tennessee, etc.)

### **Tennessee Simmental Futurity – Breeder of Champions**

Recognition of breeders who bred/raised and nominated Champion Purebred and Champion Percentage Futurity winners.