



SAGCSA AWARDS - SELECTION CRITERIA

The South Australian Golf Course Superintendents Association (SAGCSA) is inviting applications for 3 awards to be presented during 2016. The awards are as follows:

- ⌘ **EXCELLENCE IN TURF MANAGEMENT AWARD**
- ⌘ **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**
- ⌘ **GRADUATE AWARD**

How to Make a Nomination

Nominations can be made by completing the SAGCSA nomination form including the nominee's name and contact details and a short description of why the person has been nominated and forwarding it to Innovision Consulting via the contact details on the form. SAGCSA members or their club officials may nominate individuals whom they deem fit the appropriate criteria for one of the awards. Those making the nomination will remain anonymous unless otherwise requested.

Who Selects the Winners?

A panel of independent judges will select the winners based on the award criteria, and may consist of members of the SAGCSA Committee, Award Sponsors, Golf Industry Representatives/Identities and other Superintendent members as deemed appropriate.

⌘ **EXCELLENCE IN TURF MANAGEMENT AWARD**

Who Is Eligible?

Nominees for the Excellence in Turf Management Award must be a 'Category A' member of the SAGCSA and currently employed by their club as their Course Superintendent. They must not have received this or a similar national award within the previous five years unless they have changed facilities within that period.

Selection Criteria

Essential – The candidate must

- Be a 'Category A' (Superintendent) member of the SAGCSA who
- Have demonstrated prolonged excellence in the maintenance and presentation of their facility, or
- Be able to demonstrate significant major improvements to their facility within the last 24 months, and
- Is able to provide a description of the facility prior to and following changes/improvements

Desirable factors in considering the Essential Criteria can include the candidate

- Demonstrating a commitment to excellence,
- Being able to plan and drive course improvements and/or
- Having an ability to improve their facility within club's existing budgets and/or
- Showing originality in their techniques and initiatives and/or
- Being able to meet and exceed expectations of the club membership and/or
- Going above and beyond the regular call of duty

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Who Is Eligible?

The Distinguished Service Award is designed to recognize individuals who have been involved in the South Australian Turf Industry over a prolonged period of time, showing both dedication to their club/s and the industry and demonstrated a high level of knowledge in their chosen field.

Ideally the candidate will have served time as a member of the SAGCSA Committee or made a significant contribution to the Turf Industry and/or the wider golfing community within the state.

Distinguished Service nominees may be either employed or retired, and can be nominated by their club, former or present or a Class A (Superintendent) member of the SAGCSA. Service of a minimum of 20 years is deemed a 'prolonged period' for the purpose of this award

Selection Criteria

Essential – The candidate must

- Be a past or present member (Superintendent or Trade) or Sponsor of the SAGCSA
- Have a demonstrated history of contribution to the golf/turf industry over a prolonged period, and
- Have demonstrated the highest of standards throughout their careers

Desirable factors in considering the Essential Criteria

- Have served as a member of the SAGCSA Committee (applicable to Superintendent members only)

GRADUATE of the YEAR AWARD

Who Is Eligible?

The Graduate Award will be judged in the lead up to the AGCSA Graduate of the Year award, with the recipient coming from the previous year's graduates who have been nominated and endorsed by their club and their training provider.

They shall represent the SAGCSA at the AGCSA Turfgrass Conference as the South Australian finalist in the national award, and be recognized with the SAGCSA Graduate Award at the SA Golf Industry Awards night.

Selection Criteria

Essential

- Must have completed Certificate 3, 4 or 5 in Turf Management within the previous 12 months
- Not be currently employed in a Management Position

Desired

- Have demonstrated high academic achievement
- Demonstrate a strong knowledge in Turf Management
- A strong desire to be part of the industry into the future
- Showing strong motivation and communication skills
- Be willing to represent South Australia at the AGCSA conference