

ABA AWARDS – RULES AND GUIDELINES

All awards for the calendar year (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31) will be awarded at the following A.B.A. Annual Awards Banquet in March.

1. Applicant must be a member in good standing of the ABA before applying for any awards given by the ABA.
2. Animals must be harvested with archery equipment.
3. Member must apply for each award he/she is eligible for on the ABA website (archerybowhunters.com) in order to receive the award. Each submittal is required to include all requested photos and forms.
4. All applications must be submitted electronically NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15th for recognition at the following March Awards Banquet. EMAIL APPLICATION TO: arizonabowhunters@gmail.com
5. For the purpose of the Big Game Award and Trophy Animal Award, eligible Arizona big game species include: Pronghorn Antelope, Bear, Buffalo, Coues and Mule Deer, Elk, Javelina, Mountain Lion, Desert and Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, and Gould's, Merriam's and Rio Grande Turkey's. Big game animals from outside of Arizona are eligible for the Big Game Award. Animals from Arizona only are eligible for the Trophy Award.
6. All animals are required to have been taken in compliance with applicable game laws and in accordance with the rules of Fair Chase as defined by the Bowhunting in Arizona Record Book Committee (BIA) or Pope and Young Club (P&Y).
7. There are no fees associated with the awards described herein.
8. 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:

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 indicate "Big Game". Please indicate on application whether you have or have not already received a plaque. This allows to us create either a plaque or placard for your existing plaque.

SMALL GAME AWARD – This award will be given for each species of small game harvested by the applicant. Member is eligible to receive only one award certificate, per species, in their lifetime. The certificates are not awarded at the annual banquet, but rather will be mailed to the recipient, and are the only awards that can be applied for and received any time of the year. No more than five animals may be listed on one application. Complete the Big or Small Game Awards Application and indicate “Small Game”. Please do not combine large and small game on a single application.

TROPHY ANIMAL AWARD – This award will be given annually for each big game species in Arizona. Trophy animal will be determined by measurement obtained from a Bowhunting in Arizona (BIA) or Pope and Young Club (P&Y) measurer. Applicant must include a copy of the official Score Sheet. Three awards will be given each year for each species. Largest Trophy and two Honorable Mentions. A photo is required to be submitted with the application and is to include the hunter and the trophy (may be skull with antlers, mounted or however the trophy has been preserved). If the animal was harvested in December, the “green score” may be submitted. In the event of a tie, the non-green scored measurement will win. There will be no distinction between typical and non-typical trophies for the purpose of this award. Any animal submitted for this award is required to meet either BIA or P&Y minimum scores.

OUTSTANDING ABA BOWHUNTER OF THE YEAR – Award is given to an ABA member 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 prestigious award.