

## MICHIGAN TAXIDERMIST ASSOCIATION AWARDS LIST

<b>AWARD OF EXCELLENCE &amp; MASTERS OF MASTERS AWARD</b>	(See attached rules for further information)
<b>BEST ALL AROUND</b>	Masters and Masters of Masters divisions only and consists of four categories. They shall be Game Head, Mammal, Fish and Bird. The winner must have attained a second place on each of the four mounts to be eligible. A place lower on any one mount will eliminate any chance of winning. The mounts may also be entered into regular competition in their respective categories and receive additional awards if they qualify (Best of Show, Best of Category, etc.). The four mounts entered in the Best All Around category MUST be chosen at the time of registration and cannot be changed once judging has started. You will be required to pay the registration for general category and Best All Around if competing as such. This award comes with a plaque and a trophy.
<b>BEST OF CATEGORY</b>	This award applies to any separate category within the Masters & Professional Division (see category list for further information). To qualify, a mount entered must win a blue ribbon. In the event of a tie, the respective judge in that category will decide the best of category. This award comes with a trophy.
<b>BEST OF SHOW</b>	Must have a blue ribbon to win. Will be chosen by the four respective judges. Winner will receive a trophy and a \$1,000 cash award (\$500 of this award is sponsored by Taxidermy by Dourlain).
<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS AWARD</b>	This award goes to the best artistic piece in the novice and professional divisions and will be voted upon by the Board of Directors. This award comes with a trophy and a \$250 cash award sponsored by Brad Eldred of Wildlife Gallery.
<b>BREAKTHROUGH AWARD</b>	Must win Best of Show. A plaque is presented along with a \$100 cash OR gift certificate award.
<b>CHELSEA TAXIDERMY WATERFOWL AWARD</b>	Chosen by the respective Bird Judge as the highest scoring waterfowl in its natural habitat. Waterfowl must be entered in Professional Division. You can only win this award one time. The winning mount will receive a \$200 cash prize and a hand carved decoy (carved by John VanSlambrouck). Award sponsored by Chelsea Taxidermy Studios.
<b>COMMEMORATIVE BUCKS OF MICHIGAN</b>	Chosen by a representative from CBM as the best portrayal of a native Michigan species of Elk, Bear, Turkey or Whitetail deer that represents the goals of the CBM. This award comes with a trophy/plaque.
<b>DALE CORNETET AWARD</b>	Awarded to a fish scoring 95 or higher in the Masters or Masters of Masters Division. This award comes with a trophy.
<b>DUCKS UNLIMITED AWARD</b>	Chosen by the respective Bird Judge as the best waterfowl in the show. Mount must have a blue ribbon in Professional or 2nd or higher in Masters to qualify at Judge's discretion. Award comes with either a trophy, plaque or print.
<b>EDUCATIONAL AWARD</b>	It needs to provide the viewer, some type of education of some phase of taxidermy, nature, natural phenomena, conservation, etc. All show judges will judge the pieces entered. To qualify the piece MUST score at least 2 (80) at the Masters level. The piece shall be judged using the following standards.... 50% of the score shall be based upon the education and the statement the overall piece provides. 25% of the score shall be based on the taxidermy skills used, and 25% of the score on the use of habitat entered. To qualify, the piece must score at least an 80 at the Masters level. The winning mount will receive a check for the sum of \$500 and a trophy. The winning mount MUST be donated and put on public display.
<b>HORIZON AWARD</b>	Chosen by the respective judges for the novice or youth divisions as the best youth mount (ages 18 and under). The award comes with a trophy. This award can only be awarded to a youth participant once in their lifetime.
<b>KEN KLEINERT AWARD</b>	Chosen by the respective judges for the novice or youth division as the most artistic youth mount (ages 18 and under). The award comes with a trophy.
<b>LIFETONE AWARD</b>	Awarded to the highest scoring fish in the competition which was painted with Lifetone paints. Competitor must also obtain a blue ribbon to win. This award comes with a trophy. Any fish entered in competition using this paint is eligible.

<b>LKD WATER FOWL AWARD</b>	Selected by LKD member's choice. Awarded an engraved duck call
<b>MAD AWARD</b>	Awarded to a piece in any category that shows MAD skills and is clean, precise and stunning when you walk in the room. Will be awarded \$100 and judged by a MAD Taxidermy representative.
<b>MCKENZIE SERVICE AWARD</b>	Any member in good standing with the association, who has done the most during the past year to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promote Professionalism in his/her business</li> <li>2. Advance the art of Taxidermy</li> <li>3. Depict Taxidermy and hunting in a positive image</li> <li>4. Share knowledge of taxidermy techniques</li> <li>5. Improve the quality of his/her taxidermy work</li> <li>6. Promote the goals of the state association</li> </ol>
<b>McKENZIE TAXIDERMIST CHOICE - BEST BIRD AWARD</b>	This award goes to the best bird or combination mount, waterfowl or upland to be decided by popular vote of membership (any registered competitor)
<b>McKENZIE TAXIDERMIST CHOICE - BEST FISH AWARD</b>	This award goes to the best fish mount, reproduction or skin mount to be decided by popular vote of membership (any registered competitor)
<b>McKENZIE TAXIDERMIST CHOICE - BEST LIFE-SIZE MAMMAL AWARD</b>	This award goes to the best life-size mammal, small or large to be decided by popular vote of membership (any registered competitor)
<b>McKENZIE TAXIDERMIST CHOICE - BEST WHITETAIL AWARD</b>	This award goes to the best whitetail shoulder or pedestal mount to be decided by popular vote of membership (any registered competitor)
<b>MICHIGAN TAXIDERMIST ASSOCIATION ABOVE AND BEYOND SERVICE AWARD</b>	This award goes to a business, group or someone who has gone above and beyond in service to the MTA. This award comes with a plaque.
<b>MICHIGAN TRAPPER'S ASSOCIATION AWARD</b>	Chosen by a representative of the Michigan Trapper's Association for the best fur bearing mount in their natural habitat. This award comes with a trophy/plaque.
<b>MIOFO VETERAN AWARD</b>	Selected by President of Michigan Operation Freedom Outdoors. This award comes with a trophy/plaque.
<b>MOUNTED IN ALASKA AWARD</b>	Awarded to the life size mount that tells the best story. It will be judged by the MTA members. Award will be a bear paw plaque. Sponsored by Knights Taxidermy.
<b>NTA</b>	Awarded to one animal that goes above and beyond / something unique. To be selected by the Competition Chairperson. This award comes with a trophy/plaque.
<b>PEOPLE'S CHOICE MASTERS/MASTERS OF MASTERS</b>	Chosen by the MTA Members as the best mount of their choice. Only two votes per family membership. Award comes with a trophy and a \$200 cash award. Any mount entered in Masters/Masters of Masters is eligible.
<b>PEOPLE'S CHOICE NOVICE</b>	Chosen by the MTA Members as the best mount of their choice. Only two votes per family membership. Award comes with a trophy and a \$50 cash award. Any mount entered in Novice is eligible.
<b>PEOPLE'S CHOICE PROFESSIONAL</b>	Chosen by the MTA Members as the best mount of their choice. Only two votes per family membership. Award comes with a trophy and a \$100 cash award. Any mount entered in Professional is eligible.
<b>PHEASANTS FOREVER AWARD</b>	Chosen by the respective Bird Judge as the best pheasant in the show. Mount must have a blue ribbon in Professional or 2nd or higher in Masters to qualify at Judge's discretion. Award comes with a trophy.
<b>POLYTRANSPAR AWARD</b>	Awarded to the highest scoring fish in the competition which was painted with Polytranspar paint. Competitor must also obtain a blue ribbon to win. This award comes with a \$50 gift certificate and plaque. Any fish entered in competition using this paint is eligible.

<b>PRESIDENT'S ANIMATION AWARD</b>	Chosen only by the President and must portray some type of movement within the mount. Any mount entered is eligible. This award comes with a trophy/plaque.
<b>PRO-1 AWARD</b>	Must use a Pro-1 tanning or hide paste product and registered with mount information.
<b>RON'S GAMEHEADS AND MORE YOUTH AWARD</b>	Winner to be selected by Ron & Sophia Furgeson. The winner will be a youth entry and can be any mammal, any size. This award comes with a plaque and \$50 cash prize. This award is sponsored by Ron's Gameheads and More Taxidermy.
<b>STAR*FISH AWARD</b>	This plaque is given by the association fish judges, whether the blank is made commercially or by the entrant, whether displayed alone or in a setting with other fish or animals.
<b>STATE CHAMPION</b>	This award applies to the combined categories- Fish, Manikin, Reptile / Amphibians, Whitetails, Game heads, Mammals, Birds, Habitat, Reproductions, Freeze dry within the Masters Division. To qualify, a mount entered must win a Best of Category. The respective judge in that category will decide the State Champion. This award comes with a trophy.
<b>TURKEY FEDERATION AWARD</b>	Chosen by the respective Bird Judge as the best turkey in the show. Mount must have a blue ribbon in Professional or 2nd or higher in Masters to qualify at Judge's discretion. Award comes with a trophy.
<b>UTA ARTISEN AWARD</b>	Award to be decided by popular vote of membership (any registered competitor). This award comes with a trophy/plaque.
<b>VANDYKE AWARD</b>	Chosen by the judges as the most artistic mount in the Masters or Professional Divisions. The mount must have a blue ribbon to be eligible and show some type of artistic merit. This award comes with a plaque.
<b>WALNUT CREEK HARDWOODS ENDEARING AWARD</b>	This award will be open to any division as long as it's on a Walnut Creek Hardwood panel or base. This award will also be presented with a \$50 Walnut Creek Hardwood gift certificate.
<b>WASCO AWARD</b>	Chosen by the four respective judges. The guidelines are as follows: exhibition of taxidermy, creativity and artistic merit. It does not matter which company's supplies, paints, or manikins are used in the piece. This award comes with a crystal type trophy and a \$100 gift certificate.
<b>WHITETAIL AWARD</b>	Chosen by the representative of the award sponsor for the most natural depiction of the whitetail species in the show. This may include both whitetail life-size and shoulder mounts. This award comes with a trophy/plaque.
<b>YOUTH DIVISION AWARD</b>	Chosen by the respective Novice division judges as the best mount in that age group. Any mount is eligible. Award comes with a trophy.
<b>YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD</b>	The Michigan Taxidermist Association Youth Scholarship Award will be voted on by the Novice judges. This award comes with a trophy and \$300 cash sponsored by K & K Tannery award to be paid to the instructor of the winner's choice. Youth must be present for photo with award & mount. The instructor must be a MTA member and will be paid the cash upon completion of the class. Class must be used within one calendar year or money will be transferred to the next year.

**\*Awards subject to change based on supporter/sponsor\***