

Merle Smith Award

1. Purpose. This Award will recognize those young individuals who have put forth an extra effort to better the Model A hobby. This award was named for Merle Smith, who served on the Board of Directors for a total of 12 years and was awarded Life Membership in 1979. It is intended to assure the continuation of the ideals Merle Smith endeavored to promote, i.e., that all family members can enjoy the Model A.
2. Awards. The award shall consist of a Certificate suitable for framing, bearing the title of the Award, the name of the recipient and the following wording... "In recognition of your outstanding participation at the... (Date and location of the National Convention)". In addition the winner in each category shall receive a large sized MAFCA lapel pin, a 2 1/2in. x 4 1/2 in. MAFCA window decal, and \$50.00 in cash, which will be presented by the President and/or the Membership Director at the awards banquet along with all other Awards, at each National Convention.
3. Requirements. The Award shall be given to one female and one male teenager of each age group for a total of four per convention. They shall be chosen for their enthusiasm and overall participation in the events of the National Convention, not necessarily by winning individual events.
4. Criteria. The criteria and limitations shall include:
 - A. A MAFCA family member.
 - B. Two teenagers (male/female) in the two following age groups:
 - 13-15 years
 - 16-19 years
 - C. Participation in Convention Activities
 - D. Be able to demonstrate a degree of familiarity and knowledge of the Model A Ford and related Era Fashions, by correctly answering a 10 -15 item questionnaire as revised from time to time by the current Membership Director.
 - E. Write an essay of 100 words of less on "What I Can Do To Promote the Model A Hobby."
5. Selection. Entrants must complete a form similar to the attached, and return it to the Youth Activities Chairperson of the Convention by the designated deadline. Selection of the winners shall be determined by a committee consisting of at least 2 of the following: Youth Activities Chairperson of the Convention, Chapter Coordinator, Membership Director, and chaired by the President. In the event of only one entrant (male or female), or only males or females in any designated age bracket, only one award will be made for that convention year.

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SAMPLE RATING SHEET
MERLE SMITH YOUTH AWARD

NAME: _____

TEST SCORE OF FAMILIARITY WITH THE MODEL A AND ERA FASHIONS = _____

COMPOSITION RATING = _____
(50 points. maximum)

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ATTENDANCE AT VARIOUS SOCIAL OR YOUTH FUNCTIONS = _____
(1 pt. each)

ATTENDANCE AT TECHNICAL SEMINARS = _____
(5 points each whether special "teen" type or regular)

PARTICIPATED/ASSISTED WITH CAR/FASHION JUDGING = _____
(15 points. Each)

TOTAL = _____

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