



**International Metal
Decorators Association**
presents



*19th Annual
Quality Awards*

19th
Annual Metal Decorating
Excellence in Quality
Awards Competition

The International Metal Decorators Association is pleased to announce the Call for Entries for the 19th Annual “*Excellence in Quality*” decorating competition. The competition recognizes those companies who provide dynamic and high quality metal decorated pieces from all methods of the decorating industry. A wide range of products were represented from around the world in the first eighteen competitions. Previously judged entries were all decorated with the highest skill and design integrity. This year’s competition promises to be challenging once again and we are sure that more companies will join in the quest to be recognized by their peers. To be recognized by one’s peers is the highest honor one can receive. This competition is conducted by a critical audience, metal decorators and is extremely special. The IMDA is providing an opportunity to challenge the depths of our workmanship and craft.

The following are guidelines for entering the “Excellence in Quality” competition.

Qualifications

Entries must have been decorated between May, 2014 and April, 2015. Two finished samples of the decorated work must be submitted to the IMDA by the deadline of April 30, 2015. Samples must be from commercial production runs and not prototypes. The samples will not be returned. Entries will be displayed at the Seminar and will be photographed for promotional purposes. The decorator must have performed the decorating work entirely, but did not have to perform the manufacturing of the piece. Decorated pieces are judged in 7 categories and each design can only be entered in one category. The *Technical Achievement Award* will be presented for innovation in decorating and manufacturing. All entries will be considered for this award.



AWARDS

Best of Category Award:

Presented to the winners in each of the categories.

Award of Excellence:

Presented to the second place finishers in each of the categories.

Grand Award:

Presented for the piece chosen as the best of all categories.

Technical Achievement Award:

An Award Winner will be selected from all entries.

CATEGORIES

- Aerosol Cans
- Closures & Ends
- Craft Cans
- Food & General Line
- Miscellaneous Products
Includes Signs & Displays
- Specialty
- Two Piece

Judging

All submissions will be judged by an impartial committee made up of graphic arts professionals. Judges will evaluate the quality of printing, the degree of difficulty, the appearance of coating finishes, registration, and the technical expertise required for each piece. Judging will take place at the annual ***International Metal Decorators Association Annual Conference*** which will be held May 20-21, 2015 at the Hilton Indian Lakes. The judges will follow a predetermined guideline of quality criteria to determine the outcome of the contest. Once the judging has been completed, the judges will announce the winners of each category at the Awards Luncheon. Winning entries will be displayed at the Seminar for all to see. The International Metal Decorators Association will send press releases to various industry publications notifying the readership of the awards. We wish you the best of skill in the competition.

Fees – THERE ARE NO FEES TO ENTER THIS COMPETITION.

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Excellence in Quality Craft Can Entry Guidelines

The **IMDA**, in partnership with **Craftcans.com**, is excited to continue hosting the *Excellence in Quality* category for Craft Cans.

Following are the guidelines for entering the **Craft Cans** category:

- Cans submitted must be metal decorated cans for brewers meeting the definition of a craft brewer by the Brewers Association. (*Annual production of 6 million barrels of beer or less.*)
- Cans must be decorated with a direct metal decorating process and can not be labeled cans.
- Brewers, can manufacturers and designers may enter the **Craft Can** competition.
- The award recognition will be given to the Craft Brewer with honors to the designer and can manufacturer.
- The judges, at their sole discretion, determine if an entry is qualified for each category of the competition and may remove or reassign the entry.
- All remaining guidelines for the **19th Annual *Excellence in Quality*** competition published in the registration form must be followed.



Excellence In Quality Awards

Competition Entry Form Deadline: April 30, 2015

We are pleased to submit the following products for judging in the “Excellence in Quality” for metal decorating. Enclosed are the required two (2) samples; we understand that the samples will not be returned. THERE ARE NO ENTRY FEES FOR THIS COMPETITION.

Item Description: _____

Category to be entered: _____

Please provide us with information, if available, on your entry:

Coating application passes: _____ Press passes: _____

Metal supplier(s): _____

Coating supplier(s): _____

Coating Equipment: _____ Oven Equipment: _____

Graphic Designer: _____ Prepress/Platemaker: _____

Ink Supplier: _____ Press Equipment: _____

Ink Curing: _____ Conventional _____ UV

UV Ink Curing Equipment: _____

Varnish Supplier: _____ Oven Equipment: _____

Company Who Fabricated Product Entered: _____

Your Company: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____

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