



Ohio Wholesale Marketers Association
Indiana Wholesale Distributors Association
Kentucky Wholesale Distributors Association

Garry Adams Memorial Award

"What started a few years ago as an idea to explore has finally evolved into a tri-state partnership of which we can all be proud."

Garry Adams, 1998 Tri-State Convention Chairman
President, Dittman-Adams Company

The joint convention of the industry associations from Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky was the vision of the leadership of the three states, with the first Tri-State Tobacco and Candy Distributors Convention held in 1998. Garry Adams was actively engaged in the associations of all three states and was part of the team that took the Tri-State Convention, now the Midwest Wholesale Distributors Conference, from a vision to reality. He never stopped believing in the opportunities that the future holds for the convention, the tobacco industry and the c-store distribution channel.

Garry passed away in 2010 and the annual Garry Adams Memorial Award was created with the encouragement and support of many of Garry's friends and colleagues from all levels of the industry to recognize an individual who shares some of Garry's strongest and most admirable traits ...

Industry Involvement • Political Involvement • Community/Charitable Involvement

The Garry Adams Memorial Award is presented annually at the joint gathering of the industry state associations.

Nominations will be accepted until August 1st and will be reviewed by a panel of Midwest Conference representatives.



ELIGIBILITY

Any employee of a distributor member of the state associations represented in the Midwest Wholesale Distributors Conference, and any employee of a manufacturer or broker in the industry who exhibits the traits of Industry Involvement, Political Involvement and Community/Charitable Involvement.

PAST RECIPIENTS

2010	Charlie Casper <i>Hardec's</i> Kentucky	2014	Bob Weimuth <i>Weimuth & Son Co</i> Indiana	2018	Jerry Ray <i>Modern Distributors</i> Kentucky
2011	Albert Guarnieri, III <i>Albert Guarnieri & Co</i> Ohio	2015	Steve Kottak <i>RJ Reynolds Tobacco Co</i> Winston-Salem, North Carolina	2019	Jim Perry <i>Xcaliber International</i> Ohio
2012	Rick Gummer <i>Gummer Wholesale</i> Ohio	2016	David Tritsch <i>Columbus Candy & Tobacco</i> Ohio	2021	Brent Shay <i>Eby-Brown Company</i> Indiana
2013	Pat Carrico <i>Richmond Master Distributors</i> Indiana	2017	Kent Mills <i>ITG Brands, LLC</i> Indiana	2022	John Kaiser <i>Kaiser Wholesale</i> Indiana

NOMINATION PROCESS

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Complete and return the form below. Feel free to include any materials supporting the nomination [ie prior recognitions given to the nominee, statements of support from individuals familiar with the nominee's industry involvement, political or community/charitable involvement, etc.].

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NOMINEE: _____

EMPLOYER: _____

POSITION w/ COMPANY: _____ **YEARS w/COMPANY and/or INDUSTRY:** _____

Please describe how the nominee demonstrates each of the following traits. Feel free to use additional paper if needed and feel free to include any materials supporting the nomination.

INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT _____

POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT _____

COMMUNITY/CHARITABLE INVOLVEMENT _____

NOMINATED BY: _____ **EMPLOYER:** _____

PHONE: (____) _____ **EMAIL:** _____

Return Nomination Form by August 1st to
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