

MEMORANDUM

To: Friends of Southeastern Cotton Ginners

From: Ben Evans, President

Subj: Ginner of the Year 2023 (**DEADLINE OCTOBER 12, 2023**)

Date: September 11, 2023

Dear Member,

Each year, the Southeastern Cotton Ginners Association awards the Ginner of the Year to one of its members. In the past the Selection Committee has relied on word of mouth for nominations but would like to make the process more open and formal. Please find accompanying this memo, the application for this award.

All applications will be kept confidential. All applications are only viable for one year. If you submit a nominee and he or she is not selected, you will need to send a new application the following year if you would like them to be considered again. Deadline is October 12, 2023. Please send applications to our office at the address above Attn: Dusty Findley or by email to dusty@southern-southeastern.org.

The Ginner of the Year will be based on the following criteria:

- 1. Person selected must be active in Southeastern Cotton Ginners Association, Inc.
- 2. Must be a progressive ginner who endeavors to keep cotton strong in his community,
- 3. Must be active in managing and operating his ginning business,
- 4. Must be active in business civic affairs within his community,
- 5. Must be a person who has respect within the ginning community, and
- 6. Must be supportive of the cotton industry in general.

Past recipients include:

| 1983 | North Carolina – Tom Gibson | | South Carolina – Julian M. Drake |
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| | SC – L. Mendell Chewning | | NC – David Bruce Hudson |
| | Georgia – C.D. Taylor | 1987 | Alabama – James Thomas Brumley |
| | Alabama – Ben Beers | | Georgia – Hamill McNair |
| 1984 | Alabama – Claude Buchanan | | NC – Norman & Ralph Vaughan |
| 1985 | Alabama – Tim Currie | | South Carolina – Jimmy Saverance |
| 1986 | Alabama – Bobby Greene | 1990 | North Carolina – Rex Carter |
| | Georgia – Van Murphy | 1991 | South Carolina – Bob Bonnoitt |

| 1992 | Alabama – Tim Currie | 2008 | VA – Mark Hodges |
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| 1993 | Georgia – Roy V. Noble | 2009 | SC- Moss Perrow |
| 1994 | SC – Clayton Lowder, Jr. | 2010 | AL – Richard Lindsey |
| 1995 | Georgia – Wendell Dunaway | 2011 | NC- Shirley Gibson |
| 1996 | Alabama – Claude Buchanan | 2012 | GA - McCleskey Gin |
| 1997 | Virginia – Tom Alphin | 2013 | SC – Dalzell Ag Supply |
| 1998 | Georgia - Chuck Coley | 2014 | GA/FL – Clover Leaf Gin |
| 1999 | Alabama - Dan Ellis | 2015 | AL – Joey Scarborough |
| 2000 | South Carolina – David Lynch | 2016 | NC- Dean Kight |
| 2001 | NC/ VA - Rick Holder | 2017 | VA - Len Alphin |
| 2002 | Georgia – Kent Fountain | 2018 | SC - Burt Rickenbaker |
| 2003 | NC / VA – BB Griffin | 2019 | GA – Don Daily |
| 2004 | AL/FL – Joe McDonald | 2020 | GA – Ken Roberts |
| 2005 | SC Earl Alford | 2021 | Tom Stallings |
| 2006 | GA Ben Evans | 2022 | Steve Bullard |
| 2007 | NC - Robbie Waters | | |
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APPLICATION

Southeastern Cotton Ginners Association, Inc. Ginner of the Year

| Date: | | | | |
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| Name of Nominee: | | | | |
| Name of Nominee's Gin: | | | | |
| Address of Nominee's Gin: | | | | |
| Basis of the Selection: Judging will be on the following items: (please give complete statements to justify applicant's selection) (Letters of recommendation can be included please limit to four) | | | | |
| Service to his/her customers: a. Quality of Ginning | | | | |
| b. Ethical Business Standards | | | | |
| c. Other Customer Service Activities | | | | |
| 2. Is the Nominee ACTIVE in the management of their operation? | | | | |
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3. Activities of the nominee in the affairs of their community

a. Civic Leadership

| b. Philanthropic Work |
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| c. Other Contributions |
| 4. Is the Nominee respected by his peers (letters of support accepted) |
| 5. Other information that would be |
| This application is submitted by the undersigned who certifies that the statements made are true and correct: |
| Signed: |
| NOMINATOR |
| Name: |
| Address: |
| City: State: ZIP: |
| Submit by mail or email: See Memo above. Deadline is October 8. |