



GAWDA Member Get-A-Member
Recognition program Rules

ANNUAL PROGRAM PERIOD and ELIGIBLE MEMBER CATEGORIES

- The annual program period for the “Recognition Program” is between Annual Conventions.
- After the presentation ceremony at the Annual Convention, a new reporting period begins for the following year.
- Only new “Distributor” and “Supplier” member categories will be counted. A new member is any company that has either never been a GAWDA member or has not been an active member for 2 or more years.
- Individuals and Manufacturers Representatives, while welcome to join GAWDA, are not included for this program.

SPONSORSHIP

- **Sponsors must be employed by an active GAWDA member company to qualify.**
- There can only be one sponsor per new member.
- The “sponsor name” on the new member application form will be listed as the official sponsor.
- If no sponsor name appears on the new member application form, GAWDA Staff will call the new member for a name. If no name is given and there is an Issues regarding claims for sponsorship, GAWDA staff will make a final determination based on the information available.

NEW MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New members (and their sponsors) are announced each month in both the *GAWDA Connection* e-newsletter and in the quarterly *Welding & Gases Today*, magazine.

SPONSOR RECOGNITION AND AWARDS AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION and GIFT CARD DISTRIBUTION

- The member who sponsored the most number of new members in an annual period will be presented with a plaque, on stage, by the GAWDA President, as well as having their name prominently displayed on the big screen as well.
- A list of all sponsor members and their corresponding new member, will be displayed during the business sessions “award ceremony” at the each Annual Convention.
- Any member, who sponsors a Distributor member, will receive a \$100 Visa gift card for each new member they sponsor. Sponsor gift cards will be mailed **at the end** of each Annual reporting Period. GAWDA staff will contact the sponsor as to where to mail the gift card.