

# **GAWDA Member Get-A-Member**

## **Recognition Program Rules**



### **ANNUAL PROGRAM PERIOD & ELIGIBLE MEMBER CATEGORIES**

- ✦ The annual program period for the “Recognition Program” is between Annual Conventions. *A new reporting period begins after the presentation ceremony at the Annual Convention.*
- ✦ 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 GAWDA member for two or more years.
- ✦ Individuals and Manufacturers Representatives, while welcome to join GAWDA, are not included in this program.

### **SPONSORSHIP**

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

### **NEW MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ✦ New members are announced in the GAWDA Connection e-newsletter and in the quarterly *Welding & Gases Today* magazine.

### **SPONSOR RECOGNITION, AWARDS, & REWARDS DISTRIBUTION**

- ✦ The member who sponsors the most new members in an annual period will be invited to join the GAWDA President on stage during the Annual Convention, as well as have their name prominently displayed on the big screen.
- ✦ A list of all sponsor members and their corresponding new member(s) will be displayed during the business sessions “award ceremony” at the Annual Convention.
- ✦ Any member who sponsors a new Distributor member will receive a \$100 reward for each new Distributor member they sponsor. Sponsor rewards will be mailed at the end of each Annual reporting period. GAWDA staff will contact the sponsor as to where to mail the reward.