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# OTA /Volvo Trucks Canada Driver of the Year Program Nomination Form

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— Rules and Guidelines —

**Entry Deadline: June 1, 2026**

**Submit Nomination to:** Ontario Trucking Association, 555 Dixon Road, Toronto, ON, M9W 1H8

## Who is Eligible?

Minimum Requirement: A professional truck driver who has been regularly employed by an OTA member company in good standing for the last five years and during that period encountered no at-fault collisions. The award program is open to company drivers and owner-operators contracted to OTA member companies. (Note: We recommend you only nominate drivers who have never had an at-fault collision during their professional driving career).

## Criteria:

The ideal candidate is a professional in every sense of the word. He/she has an exemplary driving record, extends courtesy to other road users and puts road safety before all else.

The judges value evidence of a nominee's active participation in programs and initiatives pertaining to highway safety. Such participation may consist of involvement in safety committees, truck driving championships, driver training programs, first-aid courses and activities of a similar nature. Judges also look for unusual courtesy extended to other road users, newspaper clippings, customer commendations and any acts of bravery or kindness arising out of highway incidents.

**Additionally, there is also special consideration to drivers who are involved in their communities within or outside the industry by participating in charitable events or acts, volunteering their time to assist, coach or mentor others, or carrying out any other commendable actions within their communities or families.**

## Ontario's Driver of the Year Receives:

Ontario's Driver of the Year receives an attractive keepsake trophy engraved with the recipient's name and a \$500 cheque courtesy of Volvo Trucks Canada Inc. The award is presented by a Volvo Trucks Canada official at the Opening Ceremony of the Ontario Trucking Association convention, held in Toronto each November.

Ontario's Truck Driver of the Year automatically becomes eligible to compete for the title Canadian Trucking Alliance/Volvo Trucks Canada National Driver of the Year. The national driver receives a \$1000 cheque and a trophy courtesy of Volvo Trucks Canada Inc.

## Nomination Form Guidelines:

1. All forms contained herein must be completed and signed as required.
2. Information furnished in support of this nomination will be verified by the Ontario Trucking Association to assure accuracy. **Important: Copies of the driver's official government records (CVOR and drivers abstract) and a colour photograph must be included with the nomination!**

## Selection Criteria:

Selection of the Ontario Driver of the Year will be based on the following criteria:

1. Basic Requirement: The employee must be employed by or an owner-operator contracted to an OTA member company, have been regularly employed as a truck driver for the last five years and during that period must have encountered no at-fault collisions.
2. Other Criteria: Judges will be instructed to consider evidence of the nominee's active participation in programs and initiatives pertaining to highway and industry safety. Such participation may consist of involvement in safety committees, truck driving championships, driver training programs, first-aid courses, or other activities of a similar

nature. As well, judges will also consider unusual courtesy extended to other highway users, and any acts of bravery arising out of highway occurrences within the last twelve months.

The following documentary materials must be provided as part of the application for the 2026 OTA/Volvo Trucks Canada Driver of the Year:

- Driver Certification and Agreement
- Company Certification and Agreement
- Driver Information Sheet
- Collision Record (must include CVOR and Drivers Abstract)
- Contributions to Highway Safety
- Outstanding Acts of Courtesy and/or Courage
- Photo of Driver
- Any Additional Supporting Material

In addition to the foregoing, an investigation should be made to verify the accuracy of information furnished in support of the nominations.

## Driver Certification and Agreement

In consideration of my being allowed to participate in this Program of the Ontario Trucking Association, and to be eligible for any awards and recognition offered in the Program, I hereby certify and agree to the following:

1. All of the statements contained in the material submitted in support of my nomination are true. I authorize Ontario Trucking Association, and its representatives, to make an independent check of all information contained herein.
2. I authorize the Ontario Trucking Association and its designated agencies to make full use of the above described information about myself and of photographs subsequently taken under OTA's direction, in publicity and advertising activities. I further agree to make myself available for publicity enterprises arranged by the Ontario Trucking Association with newspaper and magazine writers and radio and television personnel.
3. I agree to travel to the Ontario Trucking Association Convention (November) to be presented with the Driver of the Year Award.
4. I will always conduct myself in such a way as to protect and maintain the high status of the honour bestowed upon me and I agree that this recognition may not be used in any advertising, promotion or exhibition except those sanctioned in writing by the Ontario Trucking Association.

Signature of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

## Company Certification and Agreement

In consideration of our driver being allowed to participate in this Program, this company does certify and agree to the following:

5. All statements contained in the material submitted in support of this driver's nomination are true and to the best of the company's knowledge. These statements have been investigated by the company to the best of its ability and a company representative has personally reviewed with the driver the facts contained herein.
6. It is understood and agreed to by the company that our driver may travel to Toronto, Ontario for the OTA Convention in November to be presented with the Ontario Driver of the Year Award.
7. It is agreed that should our driver receive the title "Ontario Driver of the Year," the company will work to protect and maintain the high status of his recognition and will not use this recognition in any advertising, promotion or exhibition except those sanctioned in writing by the Ontario Trucking Association.

The driver interview and investigation of the facts submitted in support of this nomination have been made by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (Company Senior Executive Officer): \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Driver Information Sheet

Information must be furnished for each item on both pages of this form. If information requested does not pertain, draw a line to indicate that the item has not been overlooked. Form must be signed by driver and by a company official.

Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Married?  YES  NO

Spouse's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children?  YES  NO

Children's Names and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Employed: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Terminal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Previous Employment:

1.	(Company)	(Address, City)	(Dates)
2.	(Company)	(Address, City)	(Dates)
3.	(Company)	(Address, City)	(Dates)

### Commercial Driving Experience:

Total Years: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Miles: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Kilometres: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

### Collision Record:

Total At-Fault Collisions: \_\_\_\_\_

Years and miles/kilometres of driving since last at-fault collision

Years: \_\_\_\_\_

Miles: \_\_\_\_\_

Kilometres: \_\_\_\_\_

## Driver Information Sheet (2)

*(Use a separate sheet to provide as many details as possible, if necessary)*

8. Police record (list any convictions, if any, related to traffic offenses, e.g. speeding, reckless driving, etc.) including automobile driving: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. Type of equipment regularly operated: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. Provide a short description of your usual points of origin and destination and the annual mileage you drive: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. Awards received as professional driver (other than no-collision awards): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. Truck Driving Championship (first competed in, class and standing): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Provincial Truck Driving Championship Awards

Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Years: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

### National Awards

Years: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Courses or schooling on first aid, driver education, safety (show types of course, sponsors and date): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

14. Safety activities engaged in (such as neighbourhood projects, civic programs and give dates and brief description):

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I certify that the information furnished in this "Driver Information Sheet" is correct and true.

Signed (Driver's Signature): \_\_\_\_\_

The information furnished on this form has been reviewed by me and compared with company records on this driver. I certify that the information herein is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed (Company Official): \_\_\_\_\_

**Record:**

Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

List required information for last four collisions in which driver was involved:

**Collision #1**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Damage Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People injured: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Fatalities: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of vehicle driver was operating:  Truck  Car

Collision classified as:  At-Fault  Not-At-Fault

**Collision #2**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Damage Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People injured: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Fatalities: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of vehicle driver was operating:  Truck  Car

Collision classified as:  At-Fault  Not-At-Fault

**Collision #3**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Damage Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People injured: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Fatalities: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of vehicle driver was operating:  Truck  Car

Collision classified as:  At-Fault  Not-At-Fault

**Collision #4**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Damage Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People injured: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Fatalities: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of vehicle driver was operating:  Truck  Car

Collision classified as:  At-Fault  Not-At-Fault





