

# Excellence In Quality

**Competition Entry Form Deadline: April 16, 2019**

We are pleased to submit the following products for judging in the “Excellence in Quality” for metal decorating. Enclosed are the required two (2) samples; we understand that the samples will not be returned. **NO ENTRY FEES FOR THIS COMPETITION. NOTE NEW SUBMIT TO ADDRESS BELOW.**

Item Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Category to be entered: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please provide us with information, if available, on your entry:***

Coating application passes: \_\_\_\_\_ Press passes: \_\_\_\_\_

Metal supplier(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Coating supplier(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Coating Equipment: \_\_\_\_\_ Oven Equipment: \_\_\_\_\_

Graphic Designer: \_\_\_\_\_ Prepress/Platemaker: \_\_\_\_\_

Ink Supplier: \_\_\_\_\_ Press Equipment: \_\_\_\_\_

Ink Curing: \_\_\_\_\_ Conventional \_\_\_\_\_ UV

UV Ink Curing Equipment: \_\_\_\_\_

Varnish Supplier: \_\_\_\_\_ Oven Equipment: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Who Fabricated Product Entered: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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***Mail entries to: NOTE NEW ADDRESS***

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# International Metal Decorating & Packaging Association

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***Celebrate Our  
23rd Annual  
Quality Awards***

# 23rd Annual Metal Decorating Excellence in Quality Awards Competition

The International Metal Decorating & Packaging Association, formerly IMDA, is pleased to announce the Call for Entries for the 23rd Annual “*Excellence in Quality*” decorating competition. The competition recognizes those companies who provide dynamic and high quality metal decorated pieces from all methods of the decorating industry. A wide range of products were represented from around the world in the first twenty two competitions. Previously judged entries were all decorated with the highest skill and design integrity. This year’s competition promises to be challenging once again and we are sure that more companies will join in the quest to be recognized by their peers. To be recognized by one’s peers is the highest honor one can receive. This competition is conducted by a critical audience, metal decorators and is extremely special. The IMDPA is providing an opportunity to challenge the depths of our workmanship.

*The following are guidelines for entering the “Excellence in Quality” competition. Please note that we have added a new category for Canmaking Innovation.*

## Qualifications

Entries must have been decorated between May, 2018 and April, 2019. Two finished samples of the decorated work must be submitted to the IMDPA by the deadline of April 16, 2019. Samples must be from commercial production runs and not prototypes. The samples will not be returned. Entries will be displayed at the Seminar and will be photographed for promotional purposes. The decorator must have performed the decorating work entirely, but did not have to perform the manufacturing of the piece. Submitted pieces are judged in 9 categories and each design can only be entered in one category. The *Technical Achievement Award* will be presented for innovation in decorating and manufacturing. All entries will be considered for this award.



## AWARDS

### *Best of Category Award:*

Presented to the winners in each of the categories.

### *Award of Excellence:*

Presented to the second place finishers in each of the categories.

### *Grand Award:*

Presented for the piece chosen as the best of all categories.

### *Technical Achievement Award:*

An Award Winner will be selected from all entries.

## CATEGORIES

- Aerosol & Bottles
- Closures & Ends
- Craft Cans
- Digital Printing
- Food & General Line  
*Includes Beverage Three Piece*
- Miscellaneous Products  
*Includes Signs & Displays*
- Specialty & Fancy Cans
- Two Piece Beverage
- Canmaking Innovation

## Judging

All submissions will be judged by an impartial committee made up of graphic arts professionals. Judges will evaluate the quality of printing, the degree of difficulty, the appearance of coating finishes, registration, and the technical expertise required for each piece. The judges will follow a predetermined guideline of quality criteria to determine the outcome of the contest. The entries will be on display at the annual *International Metal Decorating & Packaging Association Annual Conference* which will be held May 22-23, 2019 at the Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort. The IMDPA will announce the winners of each category at the Awards Luncheon on May 22nd. The International Metal Decorating & Packaging Association will send press releases to various industry publications notifying the readership of the awards. Enter Now!

**Fees** – THERE ARE NO FEES TO ENTER THIS COMPETITION.

## NEW THIS YEAR: CANMAKING INNOVATION CATEGORY

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## *Craft Can Entry Guidelines*

The **IMDPA** is pleased to continue to include the growing **Excellence In Quality** category for Craft Cans.

Following are the guidelines for entering the **Craft Cans** category:

- Cans submitted must be metal decorated cans for brewers meeting the definition of a craft brewer by the Brewers Association. (*Annual production of 6 million barrels of beer or less.*)
- Cans must be decorated with a direct metal decorating process and can not be labeled cans.
- Brewers, can manufacturers and designers may enter the **Craft Can** competition.
- The award recognition will be given to the Craft Brewer with honors to the designer and can manufacturer.
- The judges, at their sole discretion, determine if an entry is qualified for each category of the competition and may remove or reassign the entry.
- All remaining guidelines for the **23rd Annual Excellence In Quality** competition published in the registration form must be followed.

