

# MGA BEST BAGGER COMPETITION

Friday, July 21st at Tan-Tar-A Resort  
Preliminary & Finals at 7:00 pm

The proper bagging of groceries is an important part of the operation of a successful retail grocery business. The Missouri Grocers Association endeavors to help grocers recognize this important aspect of customer service by conducting an annual state "Best Bagger" contest.

Since states are limited to one contestant in the NGA contest, many retailers develop and conduct their own contests to select their representative for the state contest. This year, the contestants will be using both reusable and plastic bags during the competition. Any questions regarding this contest should be directed to Jenna Gaddie at the MGA office.

## *There are several advantages to holding a competition yourself:*

- Ensures that the most qualified individual is selected to represent your company
- Increases employee motivation and builds a "team spirit" for a competition
- Highlights customer service by showing customers the importance placed on the proper bagging of their groceries
- Provides recognition for good employees
- MGA will issue a press release to your local newspaper to announce the winner from your store

## *MGA's Best Bagger Rules:*

1. Contestant must spend more than 25% of their time at work bagging groceries to be eligible to compete
2. Contestant can only represent Missouri Grocers Association one time at the National Grocers Association competition
3. There are no age restrictions for the best bagger competition



2017 Best Bagger, Mallory Smith from Consentino's Price Chopper with Chairman of the MGA Board, John Porter.

## *First Place*

Trophy, a \$500 cash award, and a \$250 award sponsored by the National Grocers Association. MGA will provide hotel, airfare, and registration to the National Grocers Association Convention for the bagger representing MGA at the National Competition to be held February 11-14, 2018 at The Mirage Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

\*Special Note: NGA will award the prize money of \$250 to the bagger at the National Championship. First place winner is responsible for meals and incidentals while in Las Vegas.

## *Second Place*

Trophy and a \$200 cash award

## *All Other Contestants*

\$50 participation award

Please fill out the form below and return to: Missouri Grocers Association | 315 North Ken Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802 | Fax: 417-831-3907 | Deadline: July 1, 2017

Store Name \_\_\_\_\_ Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Coordinator Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Years Employed \_\_\_\_\_ Years Bagging \_\_\_\_\_

All contestants must report to the Missouri Grocers Association Registration Desk at Tan-Tar-A Resort by 4:30 pm on Friday, July 21st for orientation.

\*MGA will contact your contestant for more information about them so that a local press release can be issued recognizing that they are the winner from your store and will compete for the title of "Missouri's Best Bagger" at the 2017 MGA Showcase.