

CHARLEY STOVNER

ROOKIE AWARD



The Charley Stovner Rookie Award aims to acknowledge the excellent character of one new rodeo athlete at the beginning of their career, as well as to encourage and reward new contestants by easing the financial burden of getting down the road. Charley was a husband and father who walked with Jesus in every aspect of his life. With pure positivity and a perpetual smile (and likely a joke), he was always willing to help anyone who needed it. He understood the hardships of coming from a non-rodeo family, having come from one himself, and showed true grit in everything he pursued. While Charley was a fierce competitor, sportsmanship always came before the win. This award is designed for someone possessing those same qualities.

Who's eligible?

First year ICA members in good standing, actively competing in any event.

What's awarded?

A beautiful Usher buckle and \$500 cash, which can be used for anything the winner needs to push forward with their rodeo-related plans.

How do I apply?

Submit a reference and answers to the following questions via email to charleystovneraward@gmail.com. The deadline to apply is **July 8th, 2026**.

- 1) What kind of leadership roles have you taken on in or out of the arena?
- 2) What does sportsmanship mean to you?
- 3) What are your life and/or career goals outside of rodeo?
- 4) How have you sought to be a better competitor?
- 5) Is there anything else you'd like us to know about you?

This award will be presented at the 2026 Cambridge Rodeo. Nominees must enter Cambridge to win.