

CONCEPT CLASS

The Concept Class began in 2018 due to interest shown by car show participants to create a class to honor those who have earned the Red Grille Medallion in similar fashion as the Blue Grille Medallion which leads to the Conservator award.

Some background about this class: Show participants that earned their Red Grille Medallion in Modified Classes had no options available to further their progress with their Mustangs. They could continue to earn additional Red Grille Medallions and some members have earned several. The hope of creating the Concept Class was to bring those Mustangs that had earned the Red Grille Medallion and had demonstrated that they were the top of their Class an opportunity to continue their journey with the MCA towards the ultimate Concept d'Elgance Award. The name of Concept was chosen because of the definition in Webster's dictionary as a something conceived in the mind.

The Concept Class rules are as follows:

- All Modified Classes are eligible..
- Mustang must be 2 year's old or older.
 - Exception of the Modified Extreme Class which is for all years,
- After receiving their Red Grille Medallion, a participant has to earn 10 Gold Awards starting in 2018, to earn the Green Grille Medallion and enter the Concept Class.
 - ✓ If the Red Grille Medallion has already been earned prior to 2018, 2 Gold Awards earned after receiving the Red Grille Medallion will count towards the total of 10 required starting in 2018.
- The Concept Class will not earn points.
- Cars must be **pre-registered** and parked in a high visibility location.
- Intent to enter the Concept Class may be done by checking the yes block at the bottom of the Grille Medallion application form.
- Entry fee is \$15 less than the Judged entry fee for the show. Example: If Judged entry fee is \$60, then entry fee for a Class entry would be \$45. This entry fee is retained by the Host Club.
- Owners are allowed tasteful displays.

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- Qualifier will initially receive a Concept Plaque at the National Show after the requirements are met to receive the Green Grille Medallion.
- At each subsequent show, an engraved Tag, if approved, will be awarded, which is to be affixed to the winners Concept Plaque.
 - ✓ When 10 Tags are won, a Silver Cup will be presented to the select winners. This special Cup is considered the top accolade that the MCA can bestow on its members. It is called the Concept d'Elegance award.
 - ✓ In addition to the cup, a special Silver Concept Grille Medallion will be presented.
- An award which duplicates a Concours Gold Award will be presented to all Concept entrants receiving a Plaque or a Tag, except that this award will be titled Concept Gold, instead of Gold.
- Cars in this class will be inspected by two Gold Card Judges for:
 - ✓ Quality of Workmanship-----Approved or Disapproved
 - ✓ Cleanliness-----Approved or Disapproved
 - ✓ Condition-----Approved or Disapproved
 - All three characteristics above must be approved to remain in Concept Class-
-If disapproved, a reason must be documented.

Some background about this class: Interest was expressed at the Annual Judges meeting held at the end of the 2015 show season in Columbus, OH, by Mike Epperson and expressed again by the Judging Committee at the MCA Board of Directors Meeting in January 2016. The process was created and brought to the MCA Board of Directors meeting in October 2017, at which time it was approved to add the Concept Class.

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