

ARS Award of Excellence

In 1973 the American Rose Society established the Award of Excellence to recognize new miniature and miniflora rose varieties of superior quality and marked distinction.

Miniature and Miniflora roses that have been in commerce for less than one year, as well as unnamed seedlings or sports are eligible for evaluation for two to three years in AOE public test gardens and two private gardens, spaced geographically across the United States. Since 2013 roses may be entered in the “no spray” division or the “preventative spray” division or both. At the end of the trial period, Awards of Excellence are given to deserving entries with a maximum of five per year. The public announcement of the AOE winner(s) is made each year in American Rose and at the awards banquet of the ARS National Rose Show and Convention.