

GAAMA 2017 Family Car Challenge Categories and Judging Criteria

Overall Best Family Car: This vehicle from any category except Best Luxury Family Car or Best Family Pickup earns the highest overall non-weighted points.

Best Value Family Car: Priced under \$33,500 (including destination), this vehicle delivers outstanding performance in a range of categories and is priced around or below the average new car transaction price; weighted for value.

Best 3-Row Family Car: This minivan, crossover, SUV or other 3-row vehicle offers plenty of utility and comfort for larger families; weighted for passenger comfort/space.

Best Tech Family Car: This family car brings rich technology features like entertainment and connectivity for passengers and advanced driver assistance and parking assistance systems to ease life behind the wheel; weighted for technology.

Best Green Family Car: This green vehicle accommodates families while delivering exceptional fuel economy; weighted for efficiency.

Best Family Pickup Truck: For the family that needs real capability to haul or tow along with a spacious rear seat, the four-door pickup is the vehicle of choice; weighted for truck capability.

Best Luxury Family Car: Priced over \$67,000 (including destination), this vehicle excels in every aspect, pampering the family for which price is no obstacle; not weighted.

1. Styling – Is the design attractive, fresh and cohesive?
 - Exterior styling
 - Interior styling
2. Driving Dynamics – How do you rate the ease of driving and parking? Does the vehicle accelerate, handle, ride and brake comfortably and confidently?
3. Efficiency – Are the EPA fuel economy ratings better than you'd expect? Do your results reflect the official ratings?
4. Value – Does the vehicle deliver impressive content and performance for the price?
5. Passenger Comfort/Space – Does the vehicle provide ample comfort and space for each passenger it can carry?
6. Cargo Space/Accessibility – Is the cargo space easy to access and suitably large for travel or utility?
7. Technology – Does the vehicle provide the latest entertainment, information, connectivity, driver-assistance and/or parking assistance systems?
 - Tech content
 - Tech ease of use
8. Truck Capability* – Is the vehicle capable of hauling heavy cargo or towing a trailer? What are the limits of its capabilities in terms of utility? (*Pickup category only)
9. Safety – Are the vehicle's NHTSA and IIHS safety ratings outstanding?
10. Features – Is the vehicle equipped with features that are surprising, desirable and useful?