

# 4 Tips

## To Make The Most Of Your Kelley Blue Book Awards

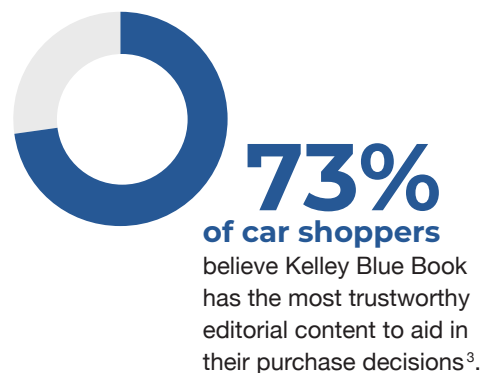


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In Hollywood, an Academy Award® is more than just bragging rights, it can mean real revenue. The last two Best Picture winners, Coda<sup>1</sup> and Nomadland, saw 25% new viewers were drawn in the week after nomination, and views were up 300% over the week prior.<sup>2</sup>

So what do Hollywood and the auto industry have in common? Much like the gold statue, third-party awards can dramatically influence how consumers view vehicles.

Awards can make consumers more confident in their purchase and can sway them to choose a vehicle from your brand over the brand next-door. Following in true Oscar® winner fashion, dealerships should put these awards on display.



## Here are 4 Tips to Help Leverage your Inventory's Award-Winning Status to Drive More Value and Sales:

### 1. Promote Awards Across All Channels

Dealerships need to ensure consumers know about award wins.

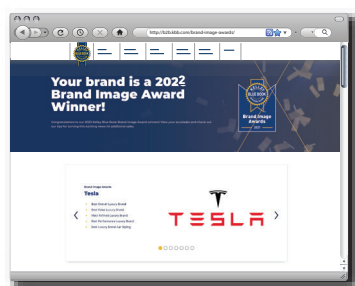
Awards can highlight a vehicle that has been on the market for a while or add a boost to a recently introduced vehicle.

It's important to remind consumers about award-winning vehicles multiple times, and cross-site promotion is crucial.



### 2. Use Consistent Messaging To Build Credibility

After receiving awards, dealerships need to promote these accolades with strong and consistent messaging. If they misstate the award or what it means, dealerships risk losing public trust. Dealerships should look at their messaging from the consumer's point-of-view.



3rd Party Sites

Is the messaging consistent and accurate?

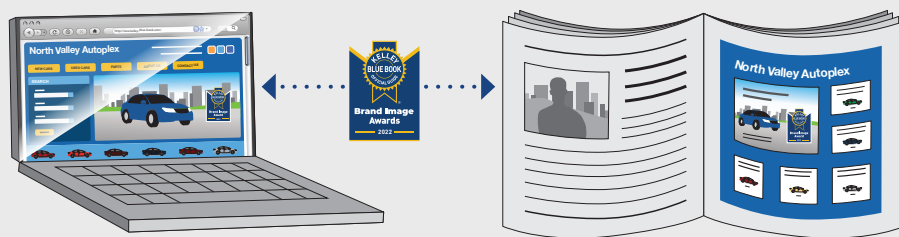
Do you have proof of claims?

Do you provide validation to the car shopper with links back to a third-party site for the award?

### 3. Differentiate Your Dealership With Brand Awards

An Oscar win can change everything – just ask Matt Damon. In 1998, Matt Damon was a relatively unknown actor but after receiving multiple Oscar nominations and a win for Best Screenplay, Matt became an A-List celebrity.

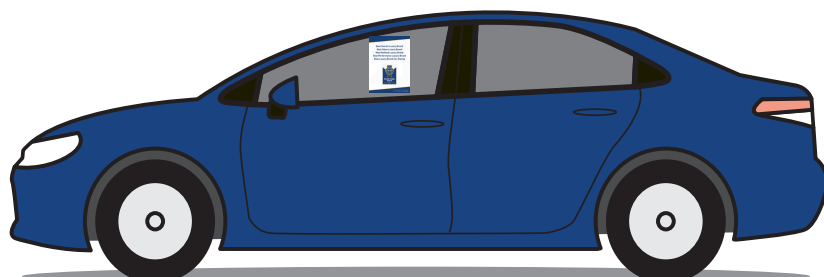
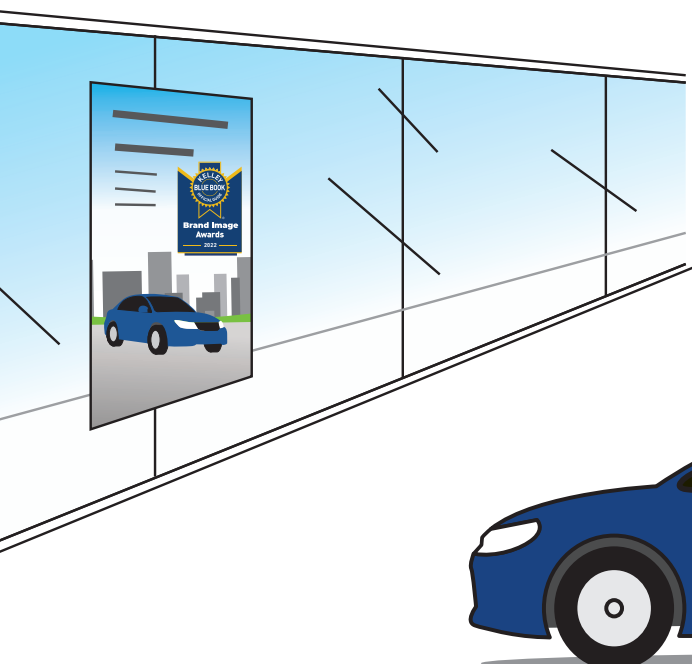
Not only should dealers promote awards on specific vehicle listings, but they should also include them in overall messaging about the dealership online and in print.



### 4. Spotlight Awards In The Showroom

If someone takes home an Oscar, they are likely to display the award in their home or office. Dealers should do the same.

Digital promotion is important, but creating marketing materials that you can display within your showroom and dealership lot remain the best place to showcase awards.



1 - Variety

2 - Box Office Mojo

3 - 2020 Awards and Accolades Pollfish Study. Cox Automotive research & Market Intelligence. December 2020.