

Rules for the ABBUC hardware advancement award 2019

ABBUC continues to support the development of new hardware this year. Deadline is August 15th 2019. Participation is as follows:

1. Participant

Everybody can take part in the contest as a single developer or in a team of developers with one or more entries. Membership of the ABBUC is not required. The presidents of the ABBUC, the head of hardware department as well as the members of the jury "hardware" are excluded from participation.

2. Rules for taking part

2.1. The submitted hardware must:

- a) be suitable for use with the ATARI 8-bit series 600XL(64kB) / 800XL / 65XE / 800XE / 130XE.
- b) come with a documentation in either German or English

2.2. Not allow are:

- a) Commercial products.
- b) Hardware, for which the data needed to reproduce the product has already been published (e. g. via internet, magazines, other publications).
- c) Products that have already taken part in the same category in previous ABBUC contests.

The instructions that are needed to reproduce the hardware, must not be published before the end of the contest. The contest ends, when the results of the contest are announced at the annual meeting of the members.

2.3. Also allowed are also:

- a) Enhancements of already published hardware if the hardware was substantially expanded, improved or changed.
- b) Conversions of hardware originally used with different (non-Atari 8 bit) computers.

2.4. With your application, you have to hand over:

- a) A fully filled-in application form.
- b) A short description of no more than two pages, with normal font size and a couple of pictures for publication in the ABBUC magazine and on the ABBUC forum.
- c) A long description, in case the two-page version isn't enough to fully understand the hardware.
- d) All data needed for a private, non-commercial reproduction of the hardware, e.g. parts list, source code, construction manual, schematic, pcb-layout etc. These documents will be published for ABBUC-members only on the ABBUC 's website.
- e) For the category "Finished hardware" send in a completely functional sample of the hardware that can be used on a real XL/XE with 64kB and 128kB of RAM. The sample will be sent back to the developer after the contest is over.
- f) A maximum of 10-minute video introducing the hardware.

The documentation should be in either German or English and should either be an ASCII-Text file or a PDF.

3. Admission

The hardware has to be send to the club headquarter. The address can be found on the registration form. The corresponding documentation / files can also be sent by e-mail to hardware@abbuc.de. Device and documentation should receive no later than August 15th 2019. Receipt will be announced via e-mail and on the ABBUC forum.

4. Checking the entries

According to the JHV 2015, the jury will check the submissions for compliance with the conditions stated under 2.

The ABBUC reserves the right to cancel this year's competition on good reasons. In this case, a contribution may be submitted again in the following year, unless it has not been fully published by then or is to be purchased.

5. Publication to the ABBUC members

Short descriptions of approved entries with the categories proposed by the jury will be presented to ABBUC members for final vote by means of a list in the next ABBUC magazine after the submission deadline.

6. Presentation by the developers

The authors are free to present their contributions before and after submission. The data needed to recreate the hardware however, must not be published or the hardware sold before the end of the official of ABBUC's annual.

At the ABBUC's annual meeting, the submissions will be presented through the video to be provided by the developer and the submitted samples will be presented.

7. Results of the hardware contest

ABBUC members elect (either online through the ABBUC website or by ballot) to classify contributions into one of the categories, but are not bound by the jury's suggestion. The results of the contest will then be released in the next ABBUC magazine as well as on the ABBUC's homepage.

8. Prices

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| category 1: 500€ | category 1: 60€ |
| category 2: 300€ | category 2: 40€ |
| category 3: 200€ | category 3: 20€ |
| category 4: 100€ | category 4: 15€ |

Prices will be handed out at the meeting or via bank transfer.

9. General information

After the meeting, each developer can freely dispose of his development and can release all documents. The entered data will be published on the ABBUC website with special access to ABBUC members only. ABBUC-members are allowed to recreate the hardware for personal use only. All rights will stay with the developer.

10. Legal exclusion

The ABBUC reserves the right to cancel this year's competition on good reasons. In this case, a contribution may be submitted again in the following year, unless it has not been fully published by then or is to be purchased. Entries/developments, that are recognized as plagiarism or as a commercial Atari 8-bit hardware, will immediately excluded.

If this is recognized after the contest has ended, the developer has to hand back the price to the ABBUC immediately. Any recourse to courts of law is excluded.

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