



2022 Industry Spotlight Awards Nomination Form

The Colorado Restaurant Association's Industry Spotlight Awards celebrate the people who make up our state's dynamic restaurant industry. This program recognizes the team members who have been mentors, who have significantly contributed to the community, and who have pushed our industry forward. Awards will be presented at the CRA's Industry Spotlight Awards event.

Now, more than ever, it is important to come together to celebrate the hard work, talent, and determination that continues to bolster our industry through trying times.

Submit a nomination for the Industry Spotlight Awards today! Please send completed forms to dmickelsen@corestaurant.org or complete the online form at www.corestaurant.org. **Nominations due: July 8, 2022**

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Individual Being Nominated: _____

Nominee's Employer/Business: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Best method of contact for nominee (phone or email): _____

Please check **one** award category below *(See next page for category descriptions)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> Stars of the Industry - Manager of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Outstanding Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> Stars of the Industry - FOH Employee of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional Newcomer | <input type="checkbox"/> Stars of the Industry - BOH Employee of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philanthropist | <input type="checkbox"/> Stars of the Industry - Bartender of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Media Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> Stars of the Industry - Chef of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Allied Partner | <input type="checkbox"/> Stars of the Industry - Legacy Employee |

Reason for nomination:

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Who should we contact for more information? (please check one below)

- Contact me for additional information Contact the Nominee for additional information



2022 Industry Spotlight Awards Categories

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Nominations are currently being accepted for:

OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL - SIGNATURE DISH AWARD (CRA Members Only)

An individual recognized throughout the industry as a leader for implementing innovative ideas, serving as a mentor, and demonstrating passion for the industry and community.

REGIONAL OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL - SIGNATURE DISH AWARD (CRA Members Only)

An individual recognized throughout the industry as a leader for implementing innovative ideas, serving as a mentor, and demonstrating passion for the industry and community. This award is intended for individuals outside the Denver Metro area.

EXCEPTIONAL NEWCOMER - SIGNATURE DISH AWARD (CRA Members Only)

A "new on the scene" individual who is making extraordinary contributions to the industry and in the community, demonstrating leadership and innovation. Individuals with five or fewer years of experience in the hospitality industry are eligible.

PHILANTHROPIST - SIGNATURE DISH AWARD (CRA Members Only)

An individual whose outstanding civic and charitable giving sets a philanthropic example for others in their community.

OUTSTANDING MEDIA PROFESSIONAL - SIGNATURE DISH AWARD (Open to All)

An individual in the media that has shown leadership in and support of the hospitality industry.

OUTSTANDING ALLIED PARTNER AWARD - SIGNATURE DISH AWARD (CRA Members Only)

An industry supplier who has demonstrated commitment to the industry, their community, and CRA members, and who is recognized for outstanding service and quality products.

STARS OF THE INDUSTRY AWARDS (CRA Members Only)

Awarded to hospitality employees who have demonstrated outstanding levels of professionalism and significantly contributed to the positive image of the foodservice industry in Colorado.

MANAGER OF THE YEAR: Recognizes an outstanding management employee who demonstrates exceptional managerial performance in team building, customer service, and overall restaurant operations.

FOH EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR: Recognizes an employee in a non-management front-of-house position with regular daily customer contact. An individual who demonstrates exceptional performance, teamwork, and contribution to their place of business and the restaurant industry as a whole.

BOH EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR: Recognizes an employee in a non-management position that does not have regular customer contact. An individual who demonstrates exceptional performance, teamwork, and contribution to their place of business and the restaurant industry as a whole.

BARTENDER OF THE YEAR: Recognizes a remarkable bartender who demonstrates exceptional creativity, spirit knowledge, presentation, and customer service.

CHEF OF THE YEAR: Recognizes a professional chef who demonstrates culinary excellence, creativity, outstanding leadership, and contributions of service or involvement in the community.

LEGACY EMPLOYEE: Recognizes an employee who has demonstrated a legacy of service and dedication to the restaurant industry for at least 20 years. Nominees must have a minimum of 10 years of service for the same restaurant. Open to all non-management employees: host, server, bar staff, bus staff, cooks, prep staff, chef