

2026 Silver Plate Award Nomination Guide



Eligibility

Anyone, worldwide, engaged in the active ownership, management, supervision of or employment at an establishment in one of the designated operator award categories listed is eligible. The candidate must be actively employed at the time of jury selection. Nominees who were not selected from previous years may be renominated.

Criteria

The Silver Plate Awards recognize professionals who have demonstrated foodservice industry segment leadership and noteworthy achievement and have made lasting contributions to the advancement of the industry. Silver Plate nominees should:

Experience

Have spent at least two years in foodservice operations management within the nominated segment

Industry

Have hands-on experience and knowledge that is well founded within the foodservice industry

Lifetime

Show a commitment to foodservice as a lifetime career

Character

Maintain the highest standards of ethical and moral behavior

Innovation

Demonstrate outstanding leadership and innovation in such areas as financial & operational management, human resource programs and menu/concept execution

Leadership

Demonstrate a sense of civic pride through voluntary involvement in societal activities protect and enhance the industry and its image

Civic Pride

Shipping addresses for all FLC members provided. Sponsor can ship the samples, at their cost.

Categories

Operators in (9) categories of foodservice may be awarded Silver Plates:

Definitions



1. Independent Restaurants / Multi-Concept
2. Chain Full Service
3. Chain Limited Service
4. Healthcare
5. Elementary & Secondary Schools
6. Colleges & Universities
7. Business & Industry/Foodservice Management
8. Grocery, Convenience, & Specialty Retail
9. Travel & Leisure Foodservice.

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Nomination Information Required

Nominators may or may not involve their candidate in the submission process. If you are unable to gather substantive information alone, we encourage you to work with the candidate to create a quality nomination.

Contact Information

We require phone and email to contact the candidate. *Additional contacts such as admin and/or PR/Communications are also helpful.*

Past Experience

Have hands-on experience and knowledge that is well founded within the foodservice industry

Current Experience

Impact and growth your candidate is making at their operation; what sets them apart. Include metrics where applicable/available

Beyond the Nomination

Personal characteristics and activities make your candidate a role model for others in the foodservice industry (i.e. community work, industry leadership, mentoring, etc.)

Operator Description

Share details about the scope and depth of your nominee's operation.

Operator Stats

General

- Number of units
- Annual sales
- Meals served

Segment-Specific

- Schools: Percentage of participation
- Chains: Same store sales
- Healthcare: Patient satisfaction, turnover

Don't Forget

- Bring your candidate to life! You're telling their career story to the jury through this nomination, make it count.
- Metrics are important in showing impact and growth.
- This is an individual award, not a company award.
- It takes into account the candidate's full career, but is not a lifetime achievement – they should be currently active as a leader in their operation.

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