



# Golden Fork People's Choice Awards Southwest Chapter of the MRA 2019 Nominations

Each year the Southwest Chapter of the Missouri Restaurant Association honors its top hospitality professionals at our annual Golden Fork Awards Dinner and Celebration.

From Southwest Missouri (encompassing the Springfield, Branson, Joplin, and Lebanon/Rolla areas), submit your favorite restaurant operator, owner, chef, back or front-of-the house employee or Allied company employee who deserves recognition for their performance. Are they a joy to be around? Do they embody the word hospitable? Are they involved in the community and have contributed to the positive image of the Hospitality Industry in Missouri?

Let us hear your stories about your favorite restaurant and hospitality people! The more you share these individuals, the better! It is the quality of their work that counts and unless you give us the skinny, we won't know about them!

***Submission period for the 2019 Celebration of Excellence Awards is now open!***

***Feel free to share an entry in one category or as many as you would like!***

**Bartender of the Year:** This award honors the bartender who is setting the standards in the drink industry and represents a go-to person for cutting edge cocktail programs and superb drinks. He or she demonstrates quality customer service and is deemed successful in the eyes of his or her fellow operators, employees, and guests in their establishment.

**Heart of the House:** This award honors any back-of-the-house employee who exemplifies exceptional service and execution in their position, profession and industry. This award applies to ANY position in the back of the house other than a chef. There is a separate award for this. He or she should be successful in the eyes of his or her fellow operators and employees.

**Server of the Year:** This award honors an employee whose performance exceeds expectations by going above and beyond the job to deliver outstanding customer service to guests in their establishment. He or she has a positive impact on the business and have contributed to the positive image of the service profession.

**Industry Support Company Employee of the Year:** An "Industry Company" is a company that supports the restaurant and hospitality industry. It could be anything from a food distributor that deliveries groceries to a window washer or even a credit card provider or technology provider. The purpose of this award is to honor an individual employee from one of these companies whose performance exceeds expectations by going above and beyond the job within their organization. This award can go to any employee in any position within a company that supports the restaurant industry.

**Manager of the Year:** This award honors a restaurant, bar, tavern, owner, or manager who demonstrates quality and service to their employees, company and guests/customers/clients to their business. He or she should be successful in the eyes of his or her fellow operators, employees, employer and members of the community.

**Chef of the Year:** This award honors an executive chef, chef manager, head chef or sous-chef, whom excels at their profession and demonstrates the highest quality and standards to their employees, company and guests/customers/clients to their business. He or she should be successful in the eyes of his or her fellow operators, employees, employer and members of the community.



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Nomination period open through Sunday, November 27, 2019