



HOSPYS AWARD CATEGORIES

- **Legacy Employee of the Year:** An employee in any role who has demonstrated a legacy of outstanding service and dedication to the hospitality industry in Colorado for 20 years or more; nominees must have worked for at least 10 years at their current place of employment.
- **Food Truck of the Year:** A mobile foodservice business that demonstrates the highest standards for hospitality and culinary excellence.
- **Front-of-House Employee of the Year:** An individual in a non-management, front-of-house role with regular customer contact who demonstrates outstanding professionalism and significantly contributes to the positive image of the hospitality industry in Colorado. Possible roles include server, bar back, runner, busser, and host; bartender is excluded.
- **Bartender of the Year:** An individual in a non-management role who demonstrates outstanding professionalism and significantly contributes to the positive image of the hospitality industry in Colorado through demonstrated excellence in cocktail, spirits, beer, wine, and other beverage service.
- **Back-of-House Employee of the Year:** An individual in a non-management, back-of-house role without regular customer contact who demonstrates outstanding professionalism and significantly contributes to the positive image of the hospitality industry in Colorado. Possible roles include line cook, prep cook, butcher, expo, and dishwasher; chef positions are excluded.
- **Manager of the Year:** An individual in a management role who demonstrates outstanding professionalism and significantly contributes to the positive image of the hospitality industry in Colorado through excellence in team building and mentorship, customer service, and industry operations. Possible roles include kitchen manager, bar manager, and general managers at all levels.
- **Newcomer Restaurant of the Year:** A “new on the scene” restaurant making extraordinary contributions to the industry and Colorado dining scene through leadership and excellence in food, beverage, and hospitality. The restaurant must have opened by July 1 of the current awards year and cannot have been open for more than two years.
- **Pastry Chef/Baker of the Year:** An individual working as a pastry chef or baker in Colorado who demonstrates outstanding professionalism and significantly contributes to the positive image of the hospitality industry through culinary excellence and innovation, hospitality, and leadership in their community.





- **Chef of the Year:** An individual working as a chef in Colorado who demonstrates outstanding professionalism and significantly contributes to the positive image of the hospitality industry through culinary excellence and innovation, hospitality, and leadership in their community.
- **Restaurant of the Year:** A restaurant that demonstrates outstanding professionalism and significantly contributes to the positive image of the Colorado hospitality industry through culinary excellence and innovation, hospitality, and leadership in their community.

