

STARS of the Industry Nomination Criteria

Restaurateur and Innkeeper/Hotelier of the Year Award

- Employer must be a member of NHLRA and the New Hampshire Hospitality Community.
- An individual who has achieved significant success and growth in his/her establishment.
- Someone who has supported the industry and its concerns on national, state or local levels and who has made significant contributions to the economic climate in New Hampshire and his/her community.
- Someone who has provided opportunities for growth for his/her personnel.
- Someone who sets the standard for customer service.
- Someone who embodies the spirit of hospitality.

Chef of the Year Award

- Individual must be a member of NHLRA and the New Hampshire Hospitality Community.
- An individual who has achieved significant success and growth in his/her establishment.
- Someone who has supported the industry and its concerns on national, state or local levels and who has made significant contributions to the economic climate in New Hampshire and his/her community.
- Someone who has provided opportunities for growth for his/her personnel.
- Someone who sets the standard for customer service.
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Employee of the Year Awards (1 lodging employee, 1 restaurant employee)

- Employer must be a member of NHLRA and the New Hampshire Hospitality Community
- Someone who has excelled in providing world-class service to customers and guests who embodies the “hospitality spirit”.
- Someone who provides leadership to others in their position.
- Someone who “you couldn’t live without”
- Someone who has demonstrates a selfless attitude inside and outside of work.
- Someone who embodies the spirit of hospitality.

Ed Bednarowski ~ Allied Member of the Year Award

- Employer must be a member of NHLRA and the New Hampshire Hospitality Community.
- Someone who supports the hospitality industry and its concerns on national, local or state levels.
- Someone who has shown strong community and charitable involvement during the past year.
- Someone who has provided leadership in the industry while maintaining high professional standards.
- Someone who treats fellow NHLRA members as fellow teammates, rather than competitors.
- Someone who embodies the spirit of hospitality.

Educator of the Year

- Individual must work in the field of education
- Someone who serves in a mentorship role
- Strong advocate for professional development training (where applicable) for his/her staff
- Someone who works hard to see the students succeed in their career

Lifetime Achievement Award

- Employer must be a member of NHLRA and the New Hampshire Hospitality Community.
- Someone who has supported the industry and its concerns on national, state or local levels and who has made significant contributions to the economic climate in New Hampshire and his/her community.
- Someone who has dedicated years to promoting, protecting and education the hospitality industry.

Green Giant Award

- Individual must shows environmental leadership in NHLRA’s Sustainable Lodging & Restaurant Program and within the hospitality industry.
- Individuals recognize the importance of preserving New Hampshire’s natural resources, providing a better workplace, guest experience and stronger bottom line.