



EIGHTH ANNUAL
Hospitality Stars of Alabama
2009 Awards Nominations

The Alabama Hospitality Association and the Alabama Restaurant Association will present the Ninth annual Hospitality Stars of Alabama awards at a Gala Awards Dinner at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel and Spa in Montgomery on Monday, October 26, 2009. These awards recognize outstanding performance, commitment and achievements in the lodging, tourism and restaurant industry. Please take a few moments to review the terms of consideration and entry rules. **Invest the time in developing a nomination presentation. Nominees will be judged on quality and quantity of materials that substantiate the award.** The recognition of your business or employee being chosen for exemplary qualities will distinguish you as a leader in the industry.

All Finalists will be individually recognized during dinner, and winners will be announced in a special celebration ceremony

NOMINEE CONTACT INFORMATION: (YOU MAY PLACE YOUR NOMINATION ONLINE AT: www.stayandplayalabama.com)

Nominee's Name _____
Company _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

NOMINATOR CONTACT INFORMATION:

Nominator's Name _____
Company _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

CHECK ALL MATERIALS ENCLOSED:

- One-page typewritten statement explaining why the nominee is deserving of the award (required)
- Supporting material and photographs stapled to this form, or enclosed in a binder/notebook (required)

SELECT ONE CATEGORY FOR EACH NOMINATION (DUPLICATE THIS FORM FOR ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS)

- Hospitality Employee of the Year:** Nominees must be employed in a non-managerial position for at least 20 hours a week and have served the industry for at least two years.
- Hospitality Department Manager of the Year:** This award honors a Department Manager (other than the General Manager) who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and managerial skills, both within the lodging operation and the community. To be eligible, nominees must have been in a management position for at least three years.
- Hotelier of the Year:** This award honors the hotel Owner or General Manager who shows exemplary customer service, employee relations, community service, and dedication to advancing the lodging industry of Alabama.
- Hospitality Supplier of the Year:** Nominees must be, or employed by, an Alabama Hospitality Association member company supplying products and/or services to the hospitality industry. Nominees are judged on industry involvement beyond their normal exceptional service and quality, and on their history of working to advance the hospitality industry's reputation and business expertise.
- Tourism Promoter of the Year:** This award honors the individual that works promoting and that best epitomizes tourism in Alabama.
- Tourism Attraction of the Year:** This award honors the attraction, organization, or event that best promotes tourism in Alabama.
- Restaurant Employee of the Year:** Nominees must be employed in a non-managerial position for at least 20 hours a week and have served the industry for at least two years.
- Restaurant Manager of the Year:** This award honors the non-owner foodservice manager who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and managerial skills, both within the foodservice operation and the community. To be eligible, nominees must have been in a management position for at least three years.
- Chef of the Year:** This award honors the culinary professional who exemplifies unique and creative culinary excellence. The award winner should have an excellent staff rapport and a reputation of community involvement.
- Restaurateur of the Year:** This award honors the restaurant Owner or General Manager who shows exemplary customer service, employee relations, community service, and dedication to advancing the foodservice industry of Alabama.
- Restaurant Supplier of the Year:** Nominees must be, or employed by, an Alabama Restaurant Association member company supplying products and/or services to the hospitality industry. Nominees are judged on industry involvement beyond normal exceptional service and quality, and on their history of working to advance the foodservice industry's reputation and business expertise.
- Bartender of the Year:** This award honors the bartending professional who exemplifies unique and creative excellence, while showing exemplary customer service. The award winner should have an excellent staff rapport and a reputation of community involvement.
- Legislature of the Year:** This award honors a legislature who has gone above and beyond for our industries through the legislation process.

RULES & REGULATIONS:

1. The property/business must be a member in good standing of the Alabama Restaurant Association or the Alabama Hospitality Association.
2. Include any material that substantiates the award entry, such as photos, letters of commendation, guest comment cards, news clippings, videos, etc. for the judge's consideration.
3. Nominations must be made in writing with support materials included.
4. Please submit one entry per category, although enter as many categories as you wish.
5. All nominees should be for work completed during the past twelve months.
6. All submitted entries become the property of either the Alabama Restaurant Association or the Alabama

**RETURN NOMINATIONS TO
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