NOMINATION APPLICATION

Wisconsin Grocers Association

WGA Grocer of the Year & Excellence in Operations

Nominees for Grocer of the Year and/or Excellence in Operations Awards

Nominees for Grocer of the Year and/or Excellence in Operations awards must have made outstanding contributions to the grocery industry, provided opportunities for their associates and customers, been involved in their community, and have a history of active support and involvement in the WGA. The nominee may or may not currently work in the grocery industry.

To nominate a candidate for WGA Grocer of the Year and Excellence in Operations, fill out the back of this form and return it to the WGA by Friday, April 20, 2018.

Grocer of the Year

The Wisconsin grocery industry’s highest honor, the WGA’s Grocer of the Year award, is presented annually to recognize an individual or individuals for lifetime achievement within the grocery industry. These honorees exemplify the highest qualities of leadership in business and in their community; their influence has positively enhanced the lives of others.

Excellence in Operations

Excellence In Operations honorees are recognized for their work ethic, commitment to the grocery industry, and for efforts that have positively influenced their company, associates, and customers.

Now, it is easier than ever to submit your nomination.

To place your choice for consideration for either the Grocer of the Year and/or Excellence in Operations award, just submit one nomination (see criteria and questions on pages three and four) and send it to the WGA. We’ll do the rest!

See a list of recent winners inside.

October 16 & 17, 2018
Hyatt Regency and KI Convention Center
GREEN BAY

Also see forms to nominate candidates for Community Service and Vendor of the Year. Nominations are due Friday, April 20, 2018.
Recent Recipients*
Grocer of the Year & Excellence in Operations

2017
Grocers of the Year
Mark & Brett Stinebrink
Stinebrink’s Piggly Wiggly

Nominations must be submitted to WGA by Friday, April 20, 2018
For more information contact Sarah Decorah at 608.210.3302 or sdecorah@wisconsingrocers.com.

WGA GROCER OF THE YEAR

EXCELLENCE IN OPERATIONS HONOREES

2017
Candie Baker
Webster’s Marketplace

2016
Steve Burkhardt
Skogen’s Festival Foods

Jason Nilssen
Nilssen’s Foods

Brett & JoDee Rechek
Rechek’s Food Pride

Michelle Harrington & Kerry Jeanpierre
Albrecht’s Delafield Market
Pat Barnes, Fox Brothers Piggly Wiggly

2015 Jim Tadych,
Tadych’s Econofoods

2014 Mark Skogen,
Skogen’s Festival Foods

2013 Jeff Maurer,
Fresh Madison Market
Nomination for Grocer of the Year and/or Excellence in Operations

Use this form to nominate a candidate for Grocer of the Year AND/OR Excellence in Operations. Please submit information addressing all parts of the points listed in this form. **Send materials to the WGA by Friday, April 20, 2018.**

The WGA Board of Directors will score all nominations. The top-scoring nominee will be the Grocer of the Year and the subsequent highest four scores will be named Excellence in Operations honorees.

Eligibility

The nominee must have made outstanding contributions to the grocery industry, provided opportunities for their associates, been involved within their community and have a history of active support and involvement in the WGA. The nominee may or may not currently work in the grocery industry. The nominee's company must be a current dues-paying member of the Wisconsin Grocers Association. The recipient should attend the Chairman's Banquet at WGA's Innovation Expo on October 17, 2018 to receive the award.

Recognition

The recipients of the WGA Grocer of the Year and Excellence in Operations awards will be notified in June/July 2018. A press release and a surprise media event will be scheduled in advance to announce the award. A sign will be provided to display in the store or office. Final honorees will be featured in the Expo Issue of the Wisconsin Grocer magazine, with special e-alerts, in the President's Letter e-newsletter, and on WisconsinGrocers.com. Honorees will receive awards at the Chairman's Banquet during the WGA Innovation Expo.

**PAST RECIPIENTS, GROCER OF THE YEAR***

- **2017** Mark & Brett Stinebrink, Stinebrink's Piggly Wiggly
- **2016** Alan Alden
- **2015** Jim Tadych, Tadych's Econofoods
- **2014** Mark Skogen, Skogen's Festival Foods

**PAST RECIPIENTS, EXCELLENCE IN OPERATIONS***

- **2017** Candie Baker, Webster's Marketplace, Steve Burkhardt, Skogen's Festival Foods, Jason Nilssen, Nilssen's Foods, Brett & JoDee Rechek, Rechek's Food Pride
- **2016** Pat Barnes, Fox Bros. Piggly Wiggly, Michelle Harrington & Kerry Jeanpierre, Albrecht's Delafield Market
- **2015** Ann Garthwait, Lake Mills Sentry, Sue & Steve Jungwirth, Red’s Piggly Wiggly, Carl Miller, Miller & Sons, Jerry and Pat Mountin, Mountin's Piggly Wiggly
- **2014** Bob Fleming, Meadowbrook/Fox Run Sentry, Bud & Frances Miller, Miller's General Store, Lyndon Station, Jeff & David Schafer, Gordy’s County Market, Chippewa Falls, David Spiegelhoff, Gooseberries Fresh Food Market, Burlington, Jeff Tate, Watertown Piggly Wiggly

*To see a complete list of recipients, please visit wisconsingrocers.com.

2018 Nominee Contact Information

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Nominations must be submitted to WGA by Friday, April 20, 2018. Send to:

**WISCONSIN GROCERS ASSOCIATION**

33 East Main Street, Suite 701 • Madison WI 53703 | www.wisconsingrocers.com

For more information contact Sarah Decorah at 608.210.3302 • sdecorah@wisconsingrocers.com
Nominee Information

1. Describe the one thing about the nominee that sets him or her apart from others in the grocery industry and why they should receive the award.

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2. Please list up to 4 highlights of the nominee's history and experience in the grocery industry. Each item should be fewer than 100 words.

1. ______________________________________________________________________

2. ______________________________________________________________________

3. ______________________________________________________________________

4. ______________________________________________________________________

3. Please list up to 4 things the nominee has done in their store/company to provide greater opportunities for their company’s, associates, and/or customers, unique training, promotion/recognition, incentive programs. Each item should be fewer than 100 words.

1. ______________________________________________________________________

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4. Please list up to 4 community or charitable projects in the grocery industry that the nominee has initiated and/or supported. Each item should be fewer than 100 words.

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5. Please list up to 4 honors and awards the nominee has received both in and out of the grocery industry. Each item should be fewer than 100 words.

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Application should not exceed five total pages.

The WGA reserves the right to consolidate information on the nomination application should it exceed the recommended number of items/words.