



## AWARDS NOMINATED AND CHOSEN BY THE PUBLIC

### **Restaurant of the Year (by region)**

An Ohio restaurant that consistently demonstrates quality and excellence in food, service, and atmosphere while being recognized for its positive impact on the community. From a group of three finalists, one winner will be selected from each of the five regions across Ohio by public voting. The Ohio regions are broken down into five areas: Central, Northwest, Northeast, Southwest & Southeast.

### **Ohio Craft Brewery of the Year**

A brewery or brewer recognized for extraordinary contributions to the craft brewery segment of the hospitality industry – known for innovation, hospitality and demonstrates a passion for the industry.

### **Community Partner of the Year**

Recognizing an individual or organization for their outstanding contributions through community service or charitable involvement.

### **Server of the Year**

Demonstrates the spirit of hospitality and provides excellent customer service.

### **Bartender of the Year**

Demonstrates the spirit of hospitality and excellence in cocktails, spirits, beer & wine service.

### **Chef of the Year**

Exemplifies culinary excellence, creativity, and leadership in the kitchen. Recognized for delivering exceptional cuisine, inspires their team and elevates the dining experience.

### **Back of House Employee of the Year**

Displays a love of food, an outstanding work ethic, excellent attention to detail and is a leader amongst their peers.

# RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR REGIONS

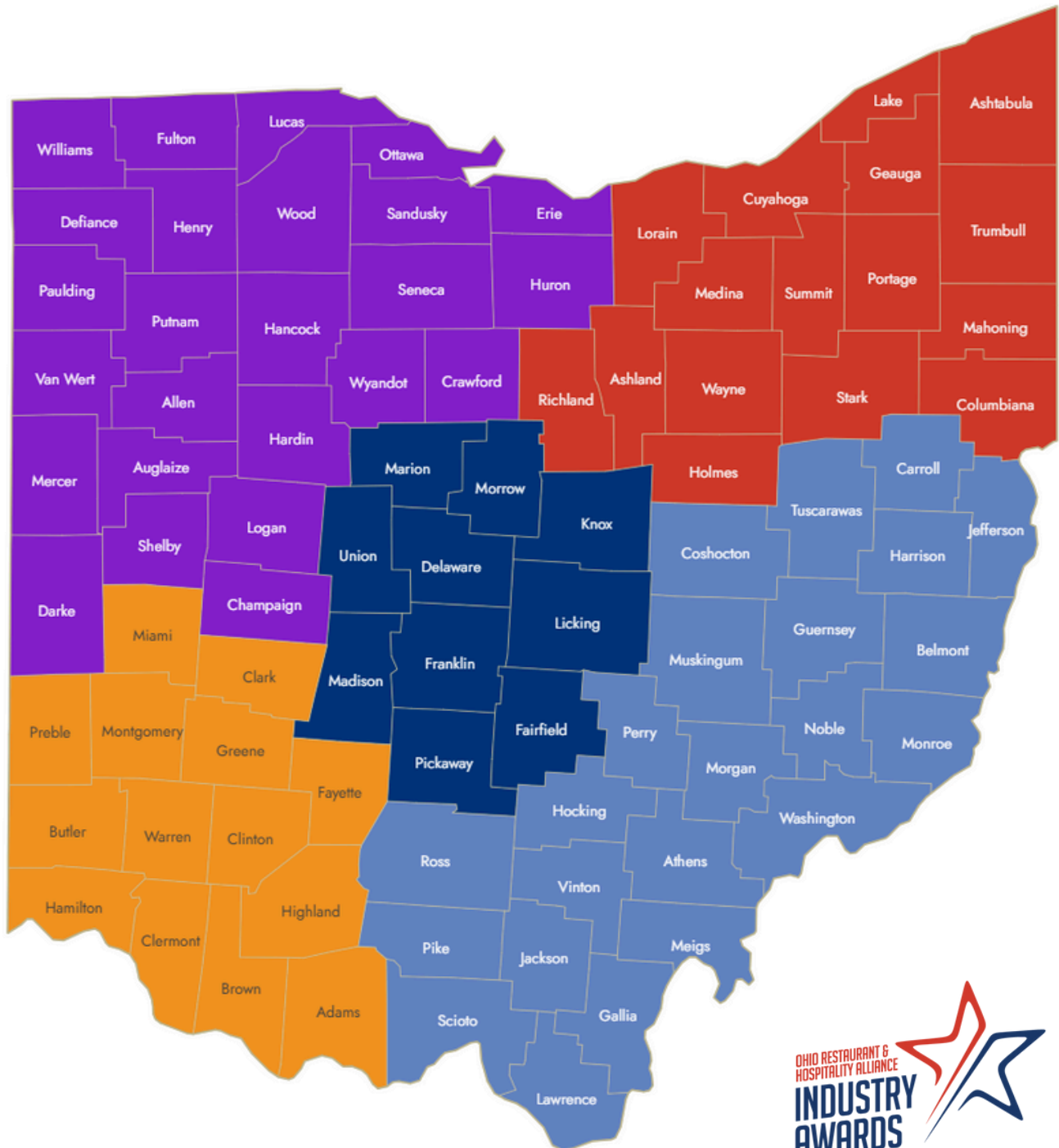
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## **AWARDS CHOSEN BY COMMITTEE**

### **Hall of Fame (up to 3 inductees)**

Given to an individual or entity that has operated in the restaurant, foodservice and hospitality business in Ohio for at least 25 years and is a member of the ORHA.

### **The Lifetime Achievement Award**

The highest award given to one restaurateur for exceptional lifetime service to the restaurant industry and his/her community. Nominees must have been an ORHA member for 10+ years.

### **Industry Innovator**

Presented to an individual or company that has applied a new product or creative approach or implemented technology resulting in the growth or transformation of their business.

### **Rising Star**

Honors an emerging leader in the foodservice industry – one whose work demonstrates ongoing exceptional growth and high potential for future impact.

### **Outstanding Public Official Award**

This award honors public officials who fight for the best interest of small business owners and the restaurant community.

### **Outstanding Industry Educator**

This award honors an educator who has demonstrated exceptional dedication to the advancement of the Ohio foodservice industry.

### **Ohio ProStart Student of the Year**

Outstanding ProStart student that embodies ProStart Core Values of leadership, passion, and community and shows great promise and aptitude for a future career in the foodservice industry.

### **Ambassador Award**

Given to an outstanding member who demonstrates leadership amongst their peers and is an ambassador for the ORHA's mission of advancing and protecting Ohio's restaurant, foodservice and hospitality industry.

### **Outstanding Vendor Award**

A company recognized for its exceptional service to the restaurant community.

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