



International Association for
Food Protection®

Food Safety Award

The Food Safety Award honors an individual or a group or organization for preeminence in and outstanding contributions to the field of food safety. The award alternates between individuals and groups/organizations; **it will be presented in 2024 to an individual** for a highly significant food safety development or in recognition of a long history of outstanding contributions to food safety. The Award consists of a plaque and a \$2,000 honorarium sponsored by the **Consumer Brands Association (CBA)**.

Qualifications for nominees

- Be an individual from industry (including consulting), academia, government, or the public sector involved in food safety program development and implementation, food safety research, education, policy, and/or information transfer
- Have preeminence in and outstanding contributions to the field of food safety
- Have a sustained effort of 10 or more years of service to the food safety community
- Previous recipients of the Food Safety Award, IAFP Executive Board Members, and the Awards Committee Members are not eligible for this Award

Criteria for nominations

Please provide *specific information* on the following:

- **Career highlights – length of service and positions held in the food protection profession**
Provide a resume or summary of positions held related to food safety and other activities that highlights the nominee's dedication and length of service to food safety. CVs must be no longer than 20 pages maximum.
- **Specific achievements or accomplishments in food safety**
Provide a listing of specific activities and their outcomes that would be considered significant food safety achievements or accomplishments (e.g., developed a process or procedure that increased food safety; initiated and/or participated in the development and/or implementation of new food safety regulations that enhanced public health; conducted research that made a specific contribution to food safety; implemented company changes that increased food safety and/or improved food safety culture).
 - Describe the originality/creativity and quality of the contribution.
 - Describe the significance/importance of the contribution.
 - Provide documentation that supports the effectiveness of the effort.
- **Educational/training activities in food protection offered directly or indirectly to the food industry**
Provide a listing of involvement and specific role in food safety training programs (public or private, including internal company training, mentoring and knowledge transfer), professional societies, trade associations, publications and/or other forms of educational communications (e.g., organized workshops or other training programs, authored or co-authored papers published in recognized journals or magazines, developed industry white papers/guidance, etc.).
- **Participation in IAFP activities**
Provide membership history and listing of past and present involvement in IAFP committees and PDGs, Annual Meeting attendance and program participation (e.g., speaker, symposium organizer, etc.), and other IAFP activities.
- **Peer assessment of nominee**
Provide no less than two and no more than three letters of support* from professional peers **in addition to a nomination cover letter***.

Additional points to consider under the criteria for evaluating nominee

Other activities or characteristics of the nominee that are not specifically covered under the above criteria may be provided to emphasize the nominee's dedication to food safety (e.g., involvement with IAFP or other associations, volunteer and community activities related to food safety, etc.).

Submitting nominations

Nominations must be submitted as one PDF to awards@foodprotection.org by Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Please follow directions carefully to avoid errors. **Nominations received by email directly to the IAFP office or by mail will not be accepted.** If you have any questions about this award or the required documents, please contact Susan Smith at ssmith@foodprotection.org. Once you have submitted your **complete** nomination, you will receive an acknowledgment of receipt from Susan within 48 hours. (If you do not, please contact Susan.)

**Nomination letter and letters of support cannot be from a current IAFP Board Member*

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Criteria	% Weight	Criterion Ranking	Criterion Value	Comments
Length of service in food safety arena	5			
Originality (creativity) of the contribution(s)	30			
Effectiveness of the contribution (s)	30			
Significance and quality of contribution(s)	30			
Career history of contributions	5			
TOTAL	100%			
Overall comments:				

The criteria ranking is derived by evaluating the candidates and ranking them on a 10-point scale with 10 being outstanding, 5 being average, and 1 being unsatisfactory.

As indicated, each criterion has a % weight, with length of service and career history weighing 5% each and the remaining 3 having a 30% weight.

The criterion value will be determined by multiplying the % weight of the ranking times the criterion ranking (you may use as the number either % (e.g., 30%) or the fraction (0.30).

There will then be an overall ranking of the value of the candidates. Thus, a value ranking system will be employed, with each judge having one vote for each candidate.

It is not necessary to provide comments, but it can be useful in making the final determination.