



International Association for
Food Protection®

Black Pearl Award

The Black Pearl Award recognizes a company for its outstanding commitment to, and achievement in, corporate excellence in food safety and quality. The award showcases the black pearl. **Wilbur Feagan** and **F & H Food Equipment Company** are the sponsors of this award.

Qualifications for nominees

- Be a corporate entity currently involved in or with the food industry
- Must have employees with active membership with IAFP
- Self-nominations are encouraged
- Previous recipients of the Black Pearl Award are not eligible

Criteria for nominations

The nomination package **must** include:

- Evidence of support for the goals and objectives of IAFP
- Evidence showing promotion of ethical and fair business practices including employee relations, consumer relations, organizational operations and competitive interactions
- Evidence of community and/or consumer relations to promote food safety
- Examples of contributions to public health principals and food safety
- Examples of food safety education activities
- Employee programs to promote food safety
- Examples of products and/or services demonstrating a commitment to food safety
- Evidence that facilities are designed with food safety and sanitation as a primary concern
- Evidence of adherence to food safety regulatory requirements
- A statement by a corporate officer of commitment to principals of food safety and sanitation (not to exceed 350 words)
- An executive summary (700-1,400 words) with a focus on the best food safety practices of the company for publication in *Food Protection Trends* (award recipient only to be published)
- Maximum three letters of support;* two from IAFP members

Additional points to consider under the criteria for evaluation of a nominee

Include supporting materials on:

- Food safety education activities involving employees, consumers and/or community efforts
- Approaches to employee training
- Approaches to assurance of product safety and/or quality research
- Contributions to food safety and/or quality research
- Demonstration of company's contribution to the goals and objectives of IAFP
- Regulatory compliance activity
- Ethical standards in competitive interactions
- Pictures may be included

Submitting nominations

Supporting documentation covering the above criteria should be submitted with a nomination letter,* letters of support,* and completed Award Nomination Form. A checklist and instructions for the number of copies required, submission address, and deadlines can be found on the Award Nomination Form.

Past Award winners' nomination packages are available for review. If interested, please contact the Association office.

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