



International Association for
Food Protection®

GMA

Food Safety Award

The GMA 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 2012 to a group or organization** 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 \$3,000 honorarium sponsored by the **Grocery Manufacturers Association (GMA)**.

Qualifications for nominees

- Be a group or organization from industry (including consulting), academia, government, or the public sector involved in 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 in the food safety arena or have developed a short term, innovative, significant, or strategic solution (3 or more years of service in food safety arena)
- Previous recipients of the GMA Food Safety Award, IAFP Executive Board Members, and GMA Awards Committee Members are not eligible for this Award

Criteria for nominations

Please provide *specific information* on the following (as appropriate to the group/organization being nominated):

- **Specific achievements or accomplishments in food safety**

Describe the short-term, innovative, significant, or strategic solution developed by the group/organization or the long-term food safety efforts of the group/organization.

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 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, publications, and/or other forms of educational communications developed by the group or organization.

Provide documentation that supports the effectiveness of the educational effort.

- **Assessment of nominee by food safety professionals**

Provide no less than two and no more than three letters of support* from food safety professionals (**in addition to a nomination cover letter***) that attest to the significance of the food safety efforts of the group/organization.

Additional points to consider under the criteria for evaluating nominee

Other activities or characteristics of the group/organization that are not specifically covered under the above criteria may be provided to emphasize the dedication to food safety of the group/organization.

Submitting nominations

Supporting documentation covering the above criteria should be submitted with a nomination letter,* letters of support,* and completed Award Nomination Form. Please limit the submission to a maximum of 15 pages. A checklist and instructions for the number of copies required, submission address, and deadlines can be found on the Award Nomination Form.

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