



Hall of Fame Criteria

The MHRA Hall of Fame recognizes restaurant owners, top level managers, chefs and suppliers to the industry who have made lasting contributions to the foodservice industry.

Additionally, the MHRA will consider induction of “Legacy Restaurants” as well. A Legacy Restaurant must meet specific requirements for consideration including length of service as well as its impact to community and the industry.

HALL OF FAME NOMINEES CRITERIA:

A nominee (may be retired or deceased) must have been a Regular Member of the Mississippi Hospitality & Restaurant Association for at least ten (10) years, and during that time must have exemplified superior business ethics and must have been a successful foodservice operator in the eyes of fellow restaurateurs, employees, and community.

Local Chapters of the MHRA may nominate two (2) individuals. Each local chapter makes its determination of nominee(s) prior to the April Board meeting of the MHRA and forwards a completed Hall of Fame Nomination Form, along with a recent photo of the nominee to reach the MHRA office no later than July 31, 2018

Individual members can also make nominations in accordance with the same timelines and requirements.

The MHRA office will verify that nominees have been Regular members of MHRA for the required ten (10) years.

The nominee, during his or her years of service to the restaurant industry, must have made substantial contributions:

1. In time and energy devoted to the benefit of MHRA and its members. The Committee should consider statewide leadership positions held and quality of service.
2. In time and energy devoted to his or her local chapter of MHRA. The Committee should consider leadership positions held and quality of service.
3. To the restaurant industry on the basis of business ethics, leadership in gaining proper recognition for and of the restaurant industry and in building the image of the food service industry overall.
4. To the community in general based on civic or philanthropic contributions
5. To the education community based on the measurable evidence of mentoring, internships and other professional development activities.

LEGACY RESTAURANT CRITERIA:

Local Chapters or individual members of the MHRA may nominate one (1) restaurant. Each local chapter makes its determination of nominee(s) prior to the April Board meeting of the MHRA and forwards a completed Hall of Fame Nomination Form to the MHRA office no later than July 31, 2018

The Legacy Restaurant nominee, should meet the following criteria:

1. Successfully operated as a restaurant for a minimum of 15 years. Both active and closed restaurants will be considered.
2. MHRA membership is NOT a requirement for a Legacy Restaurant Nomination.
3. Have been formally awarded recognition for exemplary operations or contributions to community. These awards could include but are not limited to awards presented by James Beard Foundation, National Restaurant Association, Michelin, Conde Nast, Chaîne des Rôtisseurs or other regionally or nationally recognized foodservice organizations.
4. Legacy Restaurant must have a significant reputation and positive customer appeal outside of its specific community.

5. Nominations should show a propensity for innovative menu design, product utilization and brand development/delivery.

A review committee comprised of no less than 6 individuals representing all 4 Congressional Districts of the State shall review all nominations and present their suggestions to the Board of Directors of the MHRA at the August meeting.

The inaugural class of the MHRA Hall of Fame will consist of no less than 5 Individual Restaurateur nominations, 5 Legacy Restaurant nominations and 2 Vendor nominations.

The MHRA will hold an Induction Gala that will be open to the public. All inductees will receive an award and secure their permanent place on the MHRA Hall of Fame Web Page.