

Nomination Application



Nomination Deadline:
Friday,
May 12, 2023

GROCCER OF THE YEAR & EXCELLENCE IN OPERATIONS

Nominees for Grocer of the Year and/or Excellence in Operations Awards must have made outstanding contributions to the grocery industry, provided opportunities for their associates and customers, been involved in their community, and have a history of active support and involvement in the WGA. The nominee may or may not currently work in the grocery industry.

To nominate a candidate for WGA Grocer of the Year and/or Excellence in Operations, fill out the back of this form and return it to the WGA by **Friday, May 12, 2023**.

See a list of recent winners inside.

GROCCER OF THE YEAR

The Wisconsin grocery industry's highest honor, the WGA's Grocer of the Year award, is presented annually to recognize an individual or individuals for lifetime achievement within the grocery industry. These honorees exemplify the highest qualities of leadership in business and in their community; their influence has positively enhanced the lives of others.


EXCELLENCE IN OPERATIONS

Excellence In Operations honorees are recognized for their work ethic, commitment to the grocery industry, and for efforts that have positively influenced their company, associates, and customers. These honorees exemplify the highest qualities of leadership in business and in their community; their influence has positively enhanced the lives of others.

Now, it is easier than ever to submit your nomination.

To place your choice for consideration for either the Grocer of the Year and/or Excellence in Operations award, just submit one nomination (see criteria and questions on pages three and four) and send it to the WGA. We'll do the rest!

All nominations will be scored for both the Grocer of the Year and Excellence in Operations awards. The highest scoring nominee will be recognized as the Grocer of the Year. The remaining nominations will be considered for Excellence in Operations awards.

 **Check this star if you want your nominee to be considered for the Grocer of the Year Award ONLY and NOT an Excellence in Operations Award.**

*Also see forms to nominate candidates for Community Service and Vendor of the Year. Nominations are due **Friday, May 12, 2023**.*

Save the Date!



October 17 & 18, 2023
Hilton Paper Valley Hotel &
Fox Valley Convention Center
APPLETON, WISCONSIN



GRO CER OF THE YEAR / EXCELLENCE IN OPERATIONS

RECENT RECIPIENTS



To see a complete list of recipients, please visit wisconsin-grocers.com.

WGA GRO CER OF THE YEAR

2022



Carl Miller
Miller & Sons

2021



Jeff & Cindy Tate
Watertown & Waterloo
Piggly Wiggly

2020



Bob Jaskolski
T.A. Solberg Co,
Inc. / Trig's

2019



Marlin Greenfield
Festival Foods

2018



Dave Spiegelhoff
Gooseberries

EXCELLENCE IN OPERATIONS HONOREES

2022



Brian Behnke
Festival Foods



Laura Curran
Metcalfe's Market,
Wauwatosa



**Ernie Gempeler (center),
Ken Gempeler and
Connie Von Der Heide**
Gempeler's Supermarket



Steve Heise
T.A. Solberg Co.,
Trig's



Paul Whaley
Randy's Neighborhood
Market



Ptaček's IGA

2021



Brad Brayshaw
T.A. Solberg Co., Inc.,
(Trig's) Minocqua



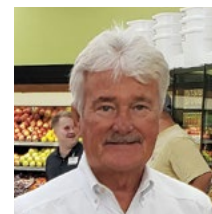
Lisa Grudzielanek
Metcalfe's Market,
Wauwatosa



Jim Meier
Metcalfe's Market,
Madison



**Brett Reчек & Max
Gritzmacher**
Reчек's Food Pride,
Beaver Dam



Keith Johanneson
KJ's Fresh Markets,
Chetek, Grantsburg,
Barron, Cornell



Dave Schmitz
Schmitz's Economart,
Spooner

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For more information
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Nomination for GROCER OF THE YEAR / EXCELLENCE IN OPERATIONS

Use this form to nominate a candidate for Grocer of the Year AND/OR Excellence in Operations. Please submit information addressing all parts of the points listed in this form. Send materials to the WGA by **Friday, May 12, 2023.**



The WGA Board of Directors will score all nominations. The top-scoring nominee will be the Grocer of the Year and the subsequent highest four scores will be named Excellence in Operations honorees.

of the Wisconsin Grocers Association. The recipient should attend the Chairman's Banquet at the Grocers Innovation Expo on October 18, 2023 to receive the award.



Check this star if you want your nominee to be considered for the **Grocer of the Year Award ONLY** and **NOT** an **Excellence in Operations Award**.

RECOGNITION

The recipients of the WGA Grocer of the Year and Excellence in Operations awards will be notified in June/July 2023. A press release and a surprise media event will be scheduled in advance to announce the award. A sign will be provided to display in the store or office. Final honorees will be featured in the Expo Issue of the *Wisconsin Grocer* magazine, with special e-alerts, in the President's Letter e-newsletter, and on WisconsinGrocers.com. Honorees will receive awards at the Chairman's Banquet during the Grocers Innovation Expo.

ELIGIBILITY

The nominee must have made outstanding contributions to the grocery industry, provided opportunities for their associates, been involved within their community and have a history of active support and involvement in the WGA. The nominee may or may not currently work in the grocery industry. The nominee's company must be a current duespaying member



2023 NOMINEE CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Nominee		
Store / Company		Address
City	State	Zip
Phone	Email	

SUBMITTED -BY INFORMATION

Submitted by	Relationship to Nominee
Cell Phone	Email

Nomination form continued on reverse.

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2023 NOMINEE INFORMATION

* Each item should be fewer than 100 words.

1 Describe the ONE thing about the nominee that sets him or her apart from others in the grocery industry and why they should receive the award.

2 Please list up to 4 highlights of the nominee’s history and experience in the grocery industry*.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

3 Please list up to 4 things the nominee has done in their store/company to provide greater opportunities for their company’s, associates, and/or customers, unique training, promotion/recognition, incentive programs*.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

4 Please list up to 4 community or charitable projects in the grocery industry that the nominee has initiated and/or supported*.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

5 Please list up to 4 honors and awards the nominee has received both in and out of the grocery industry*.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Application should not exceed five total pages.

4. The WGA reserves the right to consolidate information on the nomination application should it exceed the recommended number of items/words.