



2027 AWARD NOMINATIONS

Associate & Patriot of the Year

NOMINATION DEADLINE

Submissions must be received by November 1, 2026

AWARD 01

Associate of the Year

Much like the OGA Pinnacle Awards, which recognize overall excellence in food industry retail operations, the Associate of the Year Award recognizes excellence from our Associate members. Criteria: creativity, merchandising, innovation, human resources, community relations and overall successful operation. Winners receive an award and video recognition at the OGA Celebration.

PAST WINNERS

2014 Velvet Ice Cream Co.

2015 Anheuser-Busch, Inc.

2016 Cooper Farms

2017 Flowers Foods

2019 Crimson Cup Coffee & Tea

2020 SpartanNash

2021 Sedgwick

2022 Perry's Ice Cream

2023 Happy Chicken Farm

2024 MDI

2026 Associated Wholesale Grocers

COMPANY BEING NOMINATED

COMPANY

CONTACT NAME

WHY THIS NOMINEE? (NOTES)

AWARD 02

Patriot of the Year

Given to an individual or member company that has demonstrated a steadfast commitment and significant investment to the Ohio Food PAC, the political action committee of the Ohio Grocers Association. Honorees are active participants in the political process who highlight the importance of advocating on behalf of the retail food industry.

PAST WINNERS

2015 Ron Graff Sr.

2016 Henry Nemenz Sr.

2017 Walter Churchill

2019 Tim Huffman

2020 Ron Graff Jr.

2022 Sen. Michael Rulli

2024 Greg Ferrara

2026 Chris Jones

PERSON BEING NOMINATED

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SUBMITTED BY

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