Restaurant and Chef Awards Voting Body Structure Updated for 2023

Subcommittee

Shapes Awards by creating categories and criteria, chooses judges, votes in each round, votes on special awards (America's Classics), and breaks ties.

Judges*

Responsible for surfacing new restaurants / talent for consideration.

Responsible for tasting all nominees and voting for winners using standardized voting form.

*In the 2022 Awards cycle, judge responsibilities were split between scouting and tasting. Moving forward responsibilities have been combined.

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Voting Process

Open Call for Recommendations

Input from:

- + Subcommittee members
- + Judges who are out in the regions, actively search for potential candidates to help the widen reach
- + General public

Subcommittee members review recommendations.

Semifinalists

Subcommittee determines semifinalist list.

Nominees

Subcommittees and judges visit semifinalists

and score their dining experiences on specific criteria defined by the committee. Top 5 average scoring restaurants are announced as nominees.

Winners

Subcommittees and

judges visit nominees, participate in category discussions and vote to determine winners. Top scoring restaurant/ chef per category is announced as winner.