

LEADERSHIP AWARDS

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The James Beard Foundation's Leadership Awards recognize individuals and/or organizations whose work is helping to create a safer, more healthful, more equitable, and sustainable food world. The Awards are given for achievement in developing a global food system that is just, sustainable, and economically viable for both producers and consumers.

ENTRY DEADLINE:

**11.30.2022
11:59:00 PM
Eastern Time**

To enter work published between December 1-31 email [**awards@jamesbeard.org**](mailto:awards@jamesbeard.org) before the deadline to enter.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Anyone can submit a candidate for consideration during the online open call for recommendations from October 4 through November 30, 2022. Additional recommendations are solicited from previous Leadership Award honorees and current Leadership committee members. All submissions must include a statement of support detailing the impact of the candidate's work to create a healthier, safer, more equitable, and sustainable food system. Submissions without that statement will be disqualified.
- Individuals recommended may work domestically and/or internationally but must be based in the United States.
- Candidates can be:
 - From any background: corporation, farm, educational institution, government, advocacy, journalism, etc.
 - Of any age, and at any stage of their career.
 - Considered based solely on their work. They do not need to be a food system "celebrity" to be recognized with this award. The impact of the work is what matters.

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Alignment Statement

Equity, transparency, respect, and integrity drive our work at the James Beard Foundation. Through the alignment statement, we require all Awards entrants to provide a short write-up or audio/visual recording reflecting on the James Beard Awards Mission and the James Beard Foundation's values. **We strongly encourage entrants** (and those recommending entrants) to write or speak in their own words. The statement will be reviewed for content and alignment, and not for language fluency, video quality, or production value. **More information is available on the entry form and on the [Awards FAQs page](#).**

Who receives the award?

One honoree per category is selected each year. In the case when the work of the honoree is most fairly attributed to more than one person, each will be named collectively as the honoree.

Leadership Award honorees receive a silver medallion engraved with the James Beard Foundation Awards insignia as well as a certificate.

No additional medallions will be given. Additional certificates may be ordered after the awards ceremony.

Entry Fee

There is no entry fee for this program.

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CATEGORIES

View the category descriptions below and enter whichever category you believe best fits the work. The Leadership Committee reserves the right to reassign any submitted entry to a more appropriate category.

Sustainable Foodways

As more communities around the planet face scarcity amid climate crises, the work of these candidates becomes increasingly essential. Candidates in this category are innovating more ways to eat with smaller carbon footprints, giving food waste new life, and finding workable solutions to pressing issues like oceanic depletion and water scarcity.

Food Security and Access

Candidates in this category are deeply invested in connecting their communities with stable, and dignified, sources of food. That work could include directly feeding people experiencing chronic hunger; giving a neighborhood the means to cultivate its own food; or researching ancestral food preservation methods, among other examples.

Education and Awareness

The hows and whys of what we eat are the focus of this category. Candidates may be out in the field, teaching the next generation of farmers how to make a life through agriculture. Or they may be working within academia, uncovering new facets of old foodways or digging into once-ignored corners of the food world.

Labor and Worker Equity

These candidates have made workers' rights the lynchpin of their work, whether it be through activism, labor organizing, or policymaking. Some of those efforts might look like advocating for the human rights of undocumented farm workers, providing community mental health care for restaurant staff, or publishing investigative journalism on labor violations in the food world.

Emerging Leadership

The Leadership Committee may select an additional honoree to highlight a person or collective who is at the beginning of their career but already doing significant work.