



**ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR AWARD  
PATRIOT OF THE YEAR AWARD**

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**ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR AWARD**

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

**PAST ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS**

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 2014 Velvet Ice Cream, Co. | 2017 Flowers Foods            | 2021 Sedgwick           | 2024 MDI |
| 2015 Anheuser- Busch, Inc. | 2019 Crimson Cup Coffee & Tea | 2022 Perry's Ice Cream  |          |
| 2016 Cooper Farms          | 2020 SpatanNash               | 2023 Happy Chicken Farm |          |

**COMPANY BEING NOMINATED (NOMINEE):**

COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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**PATRIOT OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Given to an individual or member company who has demonstrated a steadfast commitment and significant investment to the Ohio Food Pac, the political action committee of the Ohio Grocers Association. The winner of the Patriot Award is recognized for their service and commitment to the Ohio Food PAC over the years. They are active participants of the political process and highlight the importance of advocating on behalf of the retail food industry

**PAST PATRIOT OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS**

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| 2015 Ron Graff Sr.    | 2017 Walter Churchill | 2020 Ron Graff Jr.         | 2024 Greg Ferrara |
| 2016 Henry Nemenz Sr. | 2019 Tim Huffman      | 2022 Senator Michael Rulli |                   |

**PERSON BEING NOMINATED (NOMINEE):**

COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER, 1 2025**