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# Stars of the Industry Awards

## 2019

The Connecticut Lodging Association ***Stars of the Industry Awards*** recognize outstanding achievement in Connecticut's lodging community. Nominated by constituents, winners are selected by an awards committee. Awards will be presented at the CLA 115th Annual Meeting.

You may submit one entry per category, although you may enter as many categories as you wish. There is no charge to enter. Make a copy of the attached form if you wish to enter multiple categories. Clearly indicate the award category you are applying for. Follow the guidelines for the category. You may include any support material to assist with the judging process including compliment letters, previous awards, and employee comments.

Complete this entry form and submit electronically to  
[info@ctlodging.org](mailto:info@ctlodging.org) | Attn: Sarah Washburn.

*Entries must be received by **Thursday, September 12, 2019, by noon.***

### GENERAL ENTRY RULES:

- Follow all rules and submission deadlines listed for the chosen categories entered.
- Submit only one nominee per category, per property. Enter as many categories as desired.
- Support materials, such as letters, clippings, photos, tapes, etc., can be submitted in an organized, easy-to-judge format.
- All entrants must be from Connecticut properties.
- Winners will be awarded at the 115th CLA Annual Meeting and receive a complimentary ticket to the dinner and award ceremony.
- Any family or friends of the winners must purchase additional tickets.
- We will contact property who submitted the winners in advance for arrangements.

**CLA award winners, who are also members of AHLA, will be submitted to the National Stars of the Industry Awards.**



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# Rules & Category Descriptions

## EMPLOYEE AWARDS

One winner will be selected in each category. Nominees can be either self or peer-nominated. 2019 CLA award winners, who are also members of AHLA, will be submitted to the National Stars of the Industry Awards.

### **Employee of the Year Awards** (AHLA North Star Award)

Nominate your superstar to get the recognition they deserve on our industry's biggest stage. We want to hear about the very best of the unsung heroes. The people who drive our industry every single day to make it great. This employee goes above and beyond, makes guests feel special, helps fellow employees and engages with the local community. Your candidate's nomination should showcase their passion for hospitality and demonstrate their strong commitment to the property and community. CLA Lodging Employee of the Year Awards are separated into four categories:

- Housekeeping Associate of the Year\*
- Front Desk Associate of the Year\*
- Sales Associate of the Year\*
- Food & Beverage Associate of the Year\*

### **Manager of the Year Award** (AHLA North Star Award)

The Lodging Manager of the Year award recognizes exemplary professionalism and exceptional service by a supervisory employee. Nominees are judged on undertaking special services, showing outstanding leadership qualities and consistently adding to the general well-being of guests.

### **General Manager of the Year Awards**

General Manager of the Year award honors a general manager who has demonstrated superior professionalism in operating a property and taken a leadership role in the industry by actively participating in association, community, or industry programs. There are two separate awards of honor:

- General Manager of the Year of a property with 150 rooms or less
- General Manager of the Year of a property with 151 rooms or more

### **NEW FOR 2019!**

#### **Paving the Way Award**

It's time to recognize the amazing women of our industry. This award honors a woman who is more than a leader. She's also a role model in the community and a mentor who is committed to raising up those around her. Her reach extends beyond the day-to-day and resonates through the property, industry and community. Nominate the woman who is a shining example of all that can be accomplished in our industry, share stories about her outstanding leadership qualities, noteworthy accomplishments, volunteering and personal achievements. Featured as an AHLA award category.

*\* Please note: The employer of the AHLA Employee of the Year winners may be responsible for producing a three-minute video to be shown at the AHLA awards presentation. AHLA will assist with the production costs.*

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Please read the accompanying awards brochure carefully to determine eligibility for the nomination. Check the boxes below to indicate the category you are entering. The individual must be working in the position category. Use one form per entry and submit only one entry per category. (Please make copies of this form for multiple entries.)

### Award Categories

- Outstanding Front Desk Associate of the Year
- Outstanding Housekeeping Associate of the Year
- Outstanding Sales Associate of the Year
- Outstanding Food & Beverage Associate of the Year
- Outstanding Manager of the Year
- Outstanding General Manager of the Year (150 Rooms or Less)
- Outstanding General Manager of the Year (151 Rooms or More)
- Paving the Way Award

**Nominee & Title** \_\_\_\_\_

Company / Lodging Property \_\_\_\_\_

How many years employed \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone / Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted by / Title** \_\_\_\_\_

Company / Lodging Property \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone / Fax \_\_\_\_\_

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