

Nominations Now Open: 2025 FMI Food Safety Innovation Award

Celebrating Excellence in Food Safety

[FMI-The Food Industry Association \(FMI\)](#) is now accepting nominations for the 2025 FMI Food Safety Innovation Award to recognize significant and innovative contributions made to advance food safety.

FMI, in partnership with the [International Food Protection Training Institute \(IFPTI\)](#), presents the FMI Food Safety Innovation Award annually to a company, organization or regulatory agency that has made an innovative contribution to food safety and demonstrates a commitment to advancing food protection through performance, practice, creation, sustainment or leadership. The award recognizes the food industry and regulatory agencies that have made significant and innovative contributions to food safety and seeks to inspire others to pursue creative solutions and adopt new practices to ensure the highest standards of food safety.

Explore the food safety contributions of past recipients: www.fmi.org/get-involved/awards/#foodsafety.

NOMINEE ELIGIBILITY

- Nominees must demonstrate a record of high standards and professional commitment to food safety.
- Nominees must be:
 - A **food company** engaged in food production, packing, manufacturing, distribution, retailing, or wholesaling. *(FMI membership is required.)*
 - A **regulatory agency** responsible for food protection and the regulatory oversight of retail or manufactured food operations at the state, local, tribal, territorial (SLTT) or federal level. *(FMI membership is not required for regulatory agencies.)*
- Past innovation submissions that were not awarded may resubmit innovation.
- Previous award recipients may submit a new nomination for a different innovation.
- Self-nomination is acceptable and encouraged.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

In 500 words or less, please provide specific information on the following:

- **Nominee and Contact Information** – Provide the name of the nominee (company, organization, regulatory agency) and the name, title and contact information of the person responsible for the nomination submissions.

- **A thorough description of the innovation**– Explain the benefit or impact of the innovation on food safety; describe how the innovation is used or applied; and provide any other relevant information highlighting the significance of the innovation.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES AND DEADLINE

Nominations with the required information must be submitted electronically to Ashley Eisenbeiser at aeisenbeiser@fmi.org by the submission deadline. **The submission deadline is Thursday, May 29, 2025.**

An independent peer-review committee will review and score all nominations that meet the award criteria. If necessary, follow-up questions might be asked to clarify the nomination details. All nominators will be notified about the nomination status as soon as possible.

AWARD RECOGNITION

The 2025 FMI Food Safety Innovation Award recipient will be announced in June 2025. FMI and IFPTI will provide announcements via press release, website updates, social media posts, and other media opportunities. The recipient is encouraged to also share through appropriate organization communication channels.

Read about past award recipients here: www.fmi.org/get-involved/awards/#foodsafety.

QUESTIONS? Contact Ashley Eisenbeiser at aeisenbeiser@fmi.org.