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**James Beard Foundation Announces Call for Entries for
the 2016 James Beard Foundation Awards**

NEW YORK, NY (October 15, 2015) – The James Beard Foundation (JBF) announced today that the call for entries for the 2016 James Beard Foundation Awards is officially open.

To reflect current trends in the vast media landscape, several Award categories have been updated for 2016. In the Journalism categories, Food Politics, Policy, and the Environment is now changed to Food Reporting, an Award defined as recognizing excellence in investigative reporting, analysis, or other public service journalism on environmental, political, business or policy-related issues regarding food or drink; and Group Food Blog and Individual Food Blog have been condensed into a singular Food Blog Award. Within Broadcast, the criteria for food segments on non-food television programs has broadened to include stand-alone pieces, offering more opportunity for program entries. Finally, in the Books category, submissions for photography must be entered in an additional qualifying category to be considered for the photography award; authors and publishers may not submit solely for Photography. All Restaurant and Chef Award categories and Restaurant Design Awards from 2015 will remain constant in 2016.

To submit an entry or to view the full list of 2016 James Beard Foundation Awards programs and deadlines, please visit jamesbeard.org/awards. Entries for all categories can be completed via the online portal [here](#). Please note that one may submit up to two entries per subcategory of the Restaurant and Chef awards.

Deadlines for submissions are as follows: December 11, 2015 for Book Awards; December 31, 2015 for Restaurant and Chef Awards; January 6, 2016 for Journalism Awards; January 6, 2016 for Broadcast and New Media Awards, including webcasts, podcasts, radio and television; and January 29, 2016 for Restaurant Design Awards. The Restaurant and Chef Award semifinalists will be announced February 17, 2016. Finalists for all award categories will be revealed on March 15, 2016.

The James Beard Foundation Awards Ceremony and Gala Reception will be held at the Lyric Opera of Chicago on Monday, May 2, 2016. During the JBF Awards event, which is open to the public, awards for the Restaurant and Chef and Restaurant Design categories will be handed out, along with special achievement awards Humanitarian of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, Who's Who of Food and Beverage in America, and America's Classics. A gala reception will immediately follow, featuring top chefs and beverage professionals from across the country. The James Beard Foundation Book, Broadcast, and Journalism Awards will be held at Pier Sixty at Chelsea Piers in New York City on Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

Founded in 1986, the James Beard Foundation celebrates, nurtures, and honors America's diverse culinary heritage through programs that educate and inspire. A cookbook author and teacher with an encyclopedic knowledge about food, the late James Beard was a champion of American cuisine. He helped educate and mentor generations of professional chefs and food enthusiasts, instilling in them the value of wholesome, healthful, and delicious food. Today JBF continues in the same spirit by administering a number of diverse programs that include educational initiatives, food industry awards, scholarships for culinary students, publications, chef advocacy training, and thought-leader convening. The Foundation also maintains the historic James Beard House in New York City's Greenwich Village as a "performance space" for visiting chefs. For more information, please visit jamesbeard.org. Get food news, recipes, and more at the James Beard Foundation's [blog](#). Follow the James Beard Foundation on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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