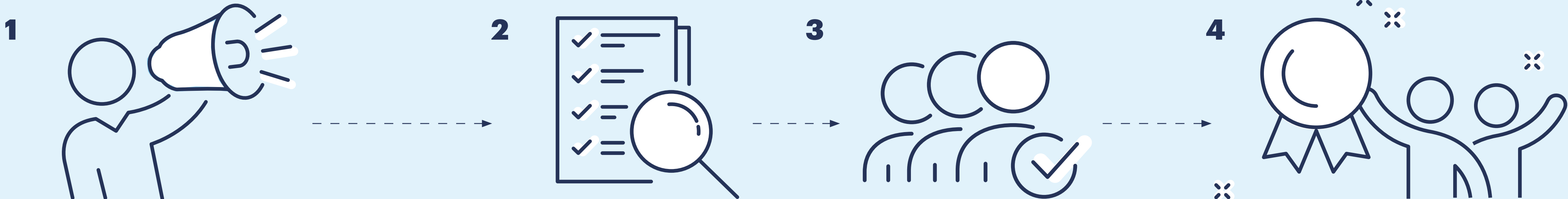


RESTAURANT AND CHEF AWARDS

Voting Process

2024
JamesBeard
Awards



Open Call for Recommendations

Recommendations submitted by:

- + Judges who are out in the regions actively search for potential candidates to help widen the pool
- + Subcommittee members
- + General public

Subcommittee members review recommendations

Semifinalists

Subcommittee determines semifinalist list

Semifinalists Announced

Nominees

Round 1 Tasting Period

Subcommittee members and judges visit semifinalists, participate in discussions, and vote on specific criteria.

Nominees Announced

The top 5 in each category are announced as nominees.

Winners

Round 2 Tasting Period

Subcommittee members and judges visit nominees, participate in discussions, and vote on nominees.

Restaurant and Chef Winners Announced at the Awards Ceremony in Chicago

The top scoring candidates per category are announced as the winners.