



James Beard Foundation Announces Call for Entries for the 2018 Awards

NEW YORK, NY (October 16, 2017) – The James Beard Foundation (JBF) announced today that the call for entries for the 2018 Awards is officially open.

To reflect current trends in the vast media landscape, The James Beard Foundation has created a new Journalism Award. The Feature Reporting Award recognizes excellence for engaging, in-depth and enterprising reporting in food and/or drink features. In the Broadcast Media Awards, the Documentary Award will now accept entries that have been viewed at a North American film festival. All Book, Restaurant and Chef, Restaurant Design, and Special Achievement Awards will remain largely unchanged from 2017.

For more information and to view the full list of 2018 Awards programs, criteria, and deadlines, please visit jamesbeard.org/awards. Entries for all categories can be submitted via the online portal [here](#).

Deadlines for submissions are as follows: December 1, 2017 for Restaurant and Chef Awards; December 8, 2017 for the Book Awards; January 3, 2018 for Journalism and Broadcast Media Awards and January 26, 2018 for Restaurant Design Awards. The Restaurant and Chef Awards semifinalists will be announced February 14, 2018. Nominees for all award categories will be revealed on March 14, 2018.

The James Beard Foundation Awards Ceremony and Gala Reception will be held at the Lyric Opera of Chicago on Monday, May 7, 2018. During the JBF Awards ceremony, which is ticketed and open to the public, awards for the Restaurant and Chef and Restaurant Design categories will be handed out, along with special achievement awards 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 Media Awards will be held at Pier Sixty at Chelsea Piers in New York City on Friday, April 27, 2018.

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About the James Beard Foundation

Founded in 1986, the James Beard Foundation celebrates, nurtures, and honors chefs and other leaders making America's food culture more delicious, diverse, and sustainable for everyone. 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](#).