



CONTRACT CATERER OF THE YEAR

Entries are requested for commercial contract catering companies who have made significant progress or advancement in the education sector. This could include introducing new concepts, people development and showing growth in this sector due to an innovative and professional approach to school catering. Caterers that are wholly owned by a local authority are not permitted to enter this category.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL CATERER OF THE YEAR

Nominations are sought for catering managers/teams of non-state-funded, private schools, who can demonstrate significant achievement at their establishment for the catering provision. This could be measured by increase in uptake, improved nutritionally-based menus or the introduction of meaningful initiatives. Improvements in key performance indicators should be provided to support the submission.

INNOVATION AWARD

Nominations for this award are open to operators within education catering. Entrants could show how they have introduced a new concept, product, service or process that has contributed to the highest standard of school catering. Success should be quantified by improvements in meal uptake, finance or partnership with clients. This award will be voted for by guests on the night.

LOCAL AUTHORITY CATERER OF THE YEAR

This award is open to a local authority caterer that has made significant progress or advancement in the education sector. This could include introducing new concepts, people development and showing growth in this sector due to an innovative and professional approach to school catering. This award is also open to organisations that are former local authorities and are now a social enterprise, arms-length organisation or a co-operative. Improvements in key performance indicators should be provided to support the submission.

MARKETING AWARD

Entries are requested for an initiative, brand or campaign that has proven successful in promoting school meals, with determinable results that justify the execution of the promotion. This can be in the form of a sustained campaign or for a one-off event. Nominations must cover initiatives that have been no more than 24 months in development and 12 months in action.

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

This category is open to employees who are new to a company or are in a new role within their existing company who has made an impact within the past 2 years. The judges are looking for evidence-based examples of how the individual has shown outstanding commitment to their new role and enhanced the performance of the school meal provision.



PRIMARY SCHOOL CATERER OF THE YEAR

Nominations are sought for catering managers/teams of primary schools who can demonstrate significant achievement at their establishment. Improvements in key performance indicators should be provided to support the submission. This award is open to any caterer working within state-maintained schools, academies and free schools.

SECONDARY SCHOOL CATERER OF THE YEAR

Nominations are sought for catering managers/teams of secondary schools who can demonstrate significant achievement at their establishment. Improvements in key performance indicators should be provided to support the submission. This award is open to any caterer working within state-maintained schools, academies and free schools.

SELF-MANAGED SCHOOL CATERER OF THE YEAR

Nominations are sought for self-managed school catering managers/teams who can demonstrate significant achievements at their establishment. Improvements in key performance indicators should be provided to support the submission. This award is open to individuals working within in-house catering across all school sectors – academies, free schools, independent schools and state-maintained schools, at primary and secondary level.

NEW! NURSERY/PRESCHOOL CATERER OF THE YEAR

Nominations are sought for catering managers of nurseries and preschools who can demonstrate significant achievement at their establishment and provide a link between the food eaten in nursery and Early Years food education. Improvements in key performance indicators should be provided to support the submission. This award is open to in-house and contracted catering services.

NEW! SOCIAL GOOD AWARD

This award recognises the many schools and caterers who are doing much more than provide food at lunchtime. Nominations are sought for programmes that incorporate but are not limited to: breakfast clubs, holiday food provision and community outreach programmes. This award is open to nurseries/preschools, schools and caterers.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Nominations are requested for the one person you believe stands above all others in their lifetime achievements and dedication to the school meals service. This category recognises the enormous contribution an individual has given to this wonderful industry of ours.



If you are having problems with your entry, please email us on nominations@educatingawards.co.uk Alternatively, you can call us on 0344 571 8210.