#### **How to Nominate**

The nominee must have made outstanding contributions to the grocery industry, provided opportunities for their associates, been involved in their community, and have a history of active support and involvement in WFIA. The nominee may or may not currently work in the grocery industry.

Fill out the back of this form completely and return it to WFIA by Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

### Recognition

The recipients of the awards will be notified in March or April of 2017. A press release and media event will be scheduled in advance to announce the award.

Final honorees will be featured in a special ealert, in the President's e -newsletter, and on wafood-ind.org.

Honorees will receive awards at the WFIA Industry Reception on May 18, 2017.

Nominations are due Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

Join us at our Awards
Dinner on
Thursday, May 18th at
the Lincoln Center in
Spokane, WA





Nominate one of your colleagues from the grocery industry for the prestigious Grocer of the Year Award!

The Washington grocery industry's highest award, the **WFIA Grocer of the Year,** is presented annually to recognize an individual or individuals for their lifetime commitment to the grocery industry. It honors the recipient's leadership in business and community, and their influence which has positively enhanced the lives of others. The **Excellence in Operations** award acknowledges those who excel in the daily operations of the store, merchandising products, and working with their employees.

**Selection:** Winners will be selected by the WFIA Board of Directors and honored at the WFIA Connect and Awards Dinner event on May 18, 2017. Entrants will be submitted and reviewed by the Board of Directors who will vote on all the nominations, selecting the top-scoring nominee for the Grocer of the Year or Excellence in Operations award.

**Nominating is easy!** Just complete the form on the reverse side of this form, then submit it to WFIA by February 1, 2017. **We'll do the rest.** 

# PAST GROCERS OF THE YEAR

2011 Kevin Stormans - Stormans, Inc.



2015 Nolan Lockwood - Walla Walla Harvest Foods
2014 Paul Kapioski – West Seattle Thriftway
2013 Bryan & Tammy Bailey – Bailey's IGA
2012 Don Stolz – Stolz Northwest, Inc.





# 2016 EXCELLENCE IN OPERATIONS RECIPIENTS

Kari Beedle, Julie Padilla, Judee Young Anderson's Grocery Store



## **How to Nominate**

**2016 Nominee Contact Information** 

To nominate a candidate for **WFIA Grocer of the Year or Excellence in Operations**, submit an explanation addressing all parts of the four points below. It's important to provide complete answers to each question and to include as much information as possible. Add pages to this application if needed. Include newspaper clippings and articles; contact the nominee's family for additional information. Send materials to WFIA by Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

The WFIA Board of Directors will vote on all nominations and the top-scoring nominee will be the Grocer of the Year and the subsequent highest scorers will be Excellence in Operations honorees.

# Eligibility

The nominee must have made outstanding contributions to the grocery industry, provided opportunities for their associates, been involved within their community and have a history of active support and involvement in the WFIA. The nominee may or may not currently work in the grocery industry. The nominee's company must be a current dues-paying member of WFIA. The recipient should attend the Awards Dinner on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at the Lincoln Center in Spokane, WA.

Name of Nominee			
Store/Company		Address	
City		State	Zip
Phone		E-mail	
Submitted by	Relationship to Nominee	Cell Phone	Email

# **Nominee Information**

Please attach separate paper to include this information:

- 1. Describe the one thing about this nominee that sets him or her apart from others in the grocery industry and explain why your nominee should receive the award.
- 2. Describe the nominee's history and work experience in the grocery industry.
- 3. Describe things the nominee has done in the store/company to provide greater opportunities for associates. (Example of unique training, promotion and recognition, moral and/or incentive programs, etc.)
- 4. List community or charitable projects (local, state, and national) outside the grocery industry that the nominee has initiated and/or supported. Please list honors and awards the nominee has received both in and out of the grocery industry, including newspaper articles that have been published.



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