

The Ryan Roberts *Spirits Savant* Award

A Presentation by Whiskies of the World to Honor the Memory and Legacy of Houston Hospitality Luminary Ryan Roberts

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DESCRIPTION

Each year, the Ryan Roberts *Spirits Savant* Award will honor an individual in the Houston area hospitality industry whose exemplary knowledge and passionate commitment to the responsible enjoyment of distilled spirits warrants the praise of his or her peers.

ELIGIBILITY

The honoree should hold, or have recently held, a management or service position in a Houston (or adjacent area) restaurant, hotel, bar, nightclub, tavern, or catering enterprise that serves distilled spirits. Furthermore, his or her performance in that respect should be held in high regard by similar industry professionals. The individual must serve or have served in an establishment that offers licensed, on-premise consumption between August 1, 2015 and August 1, 2016.

The honoree must be a legal resident of the US, with the acknowledgement that dual citizenship is permitted and that a non-US citizen, legally residing and working the US, is also eligible.

ENTRY SUBMISSION AND DEADLINES

Nominations may be made by anyone connected directly or indirectly to the Houston hospitality industry, including patrons of the aforementioned establishments.

Nominations should include the following information:

Full Name (professional names permitted)

Contact Information (phone and email at a minimum)

Relevant Employment History

Current or Recent Positions

A maximum 1000 word description of the nominee's qualifications, achievements, and awards (if any).

Entries will be accepted starting at noon on August 15, 2016 and must be received by midnight CDT on September 15, 2016. Entries should be sent via email to WOW@IWSCGroup.com.

JUDGING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF HONOREE

Judging by a panel of industry representatives will be conducted under the auspices of the Whiskies of the World and the supervision of its event director Douglas Smith. Nominees will be notified by September 16, 2016 and the winner will be notified by September 20, 2016 (with an award presentation at the Whiskies of the World event in Houston on October 1, 2016).

The honoree will receive an ornamental talisman-style award, which shall be his or hers to keep, and an additional plaque for the establishment of the honoree's selection.

CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

These guidelines are subject to change at the sole discretion of Whiskies of the World and its event director Douglas Smith. Changes will become effective when posted on the relevant pages at www.WhiskiesoftheWorld.com/Houston. Decisions of the judges, once approved by Douglas Smith, are final.