

# Hunger Hero Award 2022

## **BACKGROUND**

The Australian Institute of Food Science and Technology (AIFST) Foodbank Hunger Hero Award recognises a person or team who have gone above and beyond to tackle food insecurity. Whether it's championing a new initiative within their company or volunteering their time and expertise in the community, AIFST and Foodbank want to recognise an individual's or team's contribution and hold it up as an inspiration to others.

The appointed Selection Committee will decide the award recipient based on their contribution to tackling food insecurity in Australia.

Foodbank is the largest hunger relief organisation in Australia which, with the help of the food industry and public, has the scale and capacity to address the country's hunger crisis.

Foodbank rescues surplus food and groceries and sources key staple products from farmers, manufacturers and retailers and distributes them to front line charities around the country to provide in food relief.

Despite its best efforts, however, over 65,000 people are still being turned away from charities empty handed every month because demand outstrips supply. Therefore, AIFST has added its efforts to the fight against hunger.

## **INTENTION OF AWARD**

The Hunger Hero Award aims to promote and raise awareness of food insecurity in Australia and the role that members of the food industry can play in addressing this. The award seeks to encourage all Australian food industry sectors.

## CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

To be eligible for the award nominees must be current financial AIFST members within all sectors of the Australian food industry and nominees for this award must be a resident in Australia.

## NOMINATION PROCESS

- a) AIFST shall call for nominations for the Award via channels deemed appropriate and aligned with the award program, as managed by the AIFST, and supported by Foodbank. The notice shall give the closing date of entries, a summary of the award conditions, and an address for return nominations. The notice shall also include date and place of presentation of the Award.
- b) Nominees shall submit by the designated closing date to AIFST their nomination for assessment.
- c) No late submissions shall be accepted, although AIFST reserves the right to extend, or change the closing dates for entries at its discretion.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

The Selection Committee will decide the award recipient based on their contribution to tackling food insecurity in Australia.

## JUDGING PROCESS

- a) All nominations will be submitted to AIFST via email before the close date.
- b) After this time, all nominations for the award will then be collated and sent through to the Selection Committee for review.
- c) Once a decision has been made, the Selection Committee will inform AIFST who will in turn, notify the successful nomination(s) in line with the award timelines. AIFST shall also notify non-successful nominees at this time.

## AWARD DATES

Date	Action	Responsible
26 April 2022	Call for nominations	AIFST
17 June 2022	Close of nominations	AIFST
20 June – 15 July 2022	Judging of awards	Judging panels
18 July 2022	Nominees advised of outcome	AIFST
23 August 2022	Awards Ceremony @ AIFST22	AIFST