



2026 AHA & COCA-COLA HOSPITALITY AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Submissions Now Open

The AHA & Coca-Cola Hospitality Awards for Excellence recognise WA's leading venues and staff. With over 40 award categories, there is one to suit every hospitality venue. Receive recognition for the pursuit of excellence by nominating today.

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT](#)

Submissions Close | 30 July 2026

Employee Interviews Start | 24 August 2026

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE

LION GALA BALL

MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2026 - CROWN PERTH

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Eligibility

Nominations are open to Pubs, Taverns, Hospitality Venues, Small Bars and Restaurants.
For Accommodation hotels, refer to the AHA Accommodation Awards held in June.

Overall Criteria

Venues must be open and operating prior to 1 April 2026.

Employee nominees must have been employed with your venue prior to 1 April 2026. The employee categories listed below are for non-accommodation sector venues only. Each venue can nominate only one (1) person per employee award category.

Step 1 - Submit

Close 30 July

- Complete online nomination form [HERE](#)
- Select award categories.
- You must tick the box within the nomination area if you would like to go on to compete for a national title at the AHA National Awards for Excellence.
- Online submissions must meet criteria and be completed for each category by 30 July 2026
- Address award criteria in full and upload required documents.
- Submissions should not exceed 1,000 words.
- Photos of your venue or employee must be included in your submission. These must be in high-resolution format (JPG or PNG). Photos are used for a large screen presentation at the Gala Dinner and must be of high quality. (Image to be a minimum of 1 MB).

Step 2 - Judging

Employee judging from 24 August

- Venues could be judged at any time after receipt of your submission. You will not be advised as to when judges visit your premises.
- The visit, combined with your written submission, will form the basis of judging.
- Judging decisions are based on the nominee's ability to fulfil the criteria for each category
- Judging for the employee awards includes a written submission.
- Nominees are then shortlisted for an interview based on written submissions.
- Employee interviews will take place from the 24 August 2026 at the AHA office in West Perth.
- The judges' decisions are final.

General Awards

1. Community Service Award
2. Training Initiative Award
3. Retail Bottleshop Award
4. Draught Beer Quality Award
5. The Lion Bar Presentation & Service Award
6. Small Bar Award
7. Cocktail Bar Award
8. Tourism Initiative Award
9. Conference and Functions Award
10. Outdoor Area Award
11. Craft Brewery Award
12. Redeveloped Venue Award
13. New Hospitality Venue Award
14. *New award* Traditional Country Pub Award
15. Marketing and Promotions Award

Dining Awards

16. WA's Best Steak Sandwich
17. Bar Menu Award
18. Casual Pub Dining Award Metropolitan
19. Casual Pub Dining Award Regional
20. Family Dining Award
21. Restaurant Award Metropolitan
22. Restaurant Award Regional
23. New Restaurant Award
24. Superior Dining Award
25. Wine List Award

Entertainment Awards

26. TAB Hotel/PubTAB Venue Award Metropolitan
27. TAB Hotel/PubTAB Venue Award Regional
28. Sporting Entertainment Venue Award
29. Live Entertainment Award
30. Themed Venue Award

Employee Awards

31. Rising Star Award
32. Cookery Services Employee Award
33. *New award* Apprentice Chef Award
34. Head Chef Award
35. Food & Beverage Services Award
36. Administration Services Award
37. Cocktail Bartender Award
38. Excellence in Service Award
39. Bar Manager Award
40. Restaurant Manager Award
41. Venue Manager Award
42. Bar Team Award

Overall Awards

43. WA's Best Group Venue Operator Award
44. WA's Best Regional Hospitality Venue
45. Perth's Best Hospitality Venue