

RECOGNITION

Each April, during Public Health Week, Gold Ribbon Award winners are recognized in press releases and at an award ceremony.



Each award winner is proud of the exemplary food protection service they provide to the dining public.



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**GOLD RIBBON
AWARDS**

Food Protection at Its Best



WHAT ARE THE GOLD RIBBON AWARDS ?

Every year, the Galveston County Health District makes an effort to identify those food service establishments in its jurisdiction that show exemplary compliance with the Texas Food Establishment Rules.

Although most establishments generally comply with the Rules, Gold Ribbon Award winners go to the next level in compliance. These establishments take food sanitation very seriously, much to the benefit of their customers and the community at-large.

What Does It Take to Receive A Gold Ribbon Award ?

1. The establishment must actually prepare food. Establishments that simply pour drinks, sell pre-packaged food, or sell only non-potentially hazardous food are not eligible for the award.
2. The establishment must have no more than one food temperature violation over the last year.
3. The establishment must have no confirmed foodborne illness complaints over the last year.

4. There must be at least one certified food service manager employed by the establishment.
5. The establishment must have a demerit score history that shows a demonstration of knowledge of the Texas Food Establishment Rules. The establishment must average no more than 5 demerits over the year reviewed.
6. The establishment must have a good cleaning and maintenance program. Non-demeritable violations such as wall, floor and ceiling violations must not appear in multiple inspections over the year reviewed.
7. The establishment has evidence of staff meeting discussions or outside training meetings available for review.
8. The establishment shows special effort to comply with the rules by the use of such aids as refrigerator/freezer temperature logs, self-inspection reports or operations manuals that are used to help comply with the regulations.

HOW IS AN ESTABLISHMENT NOMINATED FOR THE GOLD RIBBON AWARD

At the end of each calendar year, Health District sanitarians are asked to nominate food establishments that they believe to be eligible for a Gold Ribbon Award.

Food establishment may nominate themselves for a Gold Ribbon Award by

completing the self-nomination form available at the Health District office or on-line at www.gchd.org/ech/gold-ribbon-1.pdf.

HOW ARE NOMINATIONS REVIEWED

After nominations are received by Health District management, the inspection file of the establishment is reviewed for compliance with the award criteria.

Following the file review, each nominee is visited by senior food inspection staff for on-site verification of the nomination criteria.

After the file and field reviews are completed, the information is reviewed by Consumer Health management to determine a final list of Gold Ribbon Award winners.

