

Caterer of The Year - 2022

This award is presented to the company, whose catering business is exceptional in all aspects, including business proficiency and culinary expertise.

Business Proficiency:

- Business License, Health Department Grading, Certificate of Insurance coverage – Provide as a separate document
- Financial Viability - Accountant's statement (in percentages) of Revenue, Cost of Sales (Controllable/Uncontrollable), Expenses, Net Profit (Loss). Financial Viability is part of surviving: Line of Credit, Staff Reduction, Firing Unprofitable Clients, Skipping paychecks. What is your business Strategy? Financials are not judged on Profitability.

Example 1:		Example 2:	
Revenue:	100%	Revenue:	100%
Cost of Sales:	60%	Cost of Sales:	66%
Expenses	38%	Expenses	40%
Profit	2%	Profit:	- 6%

- Organizational Chart of the Company
- Job Descriptions
- Employee Handbook Table of Contents ~ Dropbox Link to Actual Handbook (+5 bonus points)
- Employee Recognition/Appreciation
- Marketing Plan Execution for 2020-2021
- Samples of marketing/advertising pieces (not to include Social Media) for 2020-2021
- Social Media Handles and 3 Examples of Successful Campaigns/Posts (Instagram, Facebook, YouTube or Vimeo)
- Awards & Accolades (Press, Industry)
- Client Testimonials/Follow-up Evaluations for 2020-2021
- Approach & Philosophy of Customer Service
- Industry & Charitable Support
- Describe Specific Sustainability & Green Policies/Efforts within the Company

Culinary:

- Explain Your Culinary Philosophy - Tell Your Culinary Story
- Show Up to 12 Examples of Creativity & Originality Within Product/Menu Development
Include examples of Presentation & Design for these 2020-2021 events
- Show Up to 5 Events that Show Culinary Diversity - Include Client, Date, Menu & Photos.
Give Examples of Menu/Presentation that Supported the Event Theme/Purpose for 2020-2021
- Maximum number of photos is 30 and they must be at least 300 dpi at 8x10. A collage may be used and counts as one image.
- Give Examples of Decisions Made to Control Product Quality & Safety and Overcome Challenges

CATIES Official Rules

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Judging Criteria and Scoring Values

- Business Proficiency: **15 points**
- Awards, Accolades and Client Testimonials for 2020-2021: **10 points**
- Industry and Community Support: **10 points**
- Sustainability & Green Policies/Efforts within the Company: **10 points**
- Culinary: **25 points**
- Overall Impression: **15 points**
- Creativity: **15 points**

***** Bonus: 5 points** for Dropbox Link to Actual Handbook

Caterers that win this prestigious award can re-apply after 3 years.