

# GRADE A FOOD EXCELLENCE AWARD



The Grade A Food Safety Excellence Award is an annual award given to food service operations and retail food establishments to publicly acknowledge the highest level of commitment in the area of food safety and sanitation. This award not only requires a track record of good sanitation, but emphasizes a commitment to education and training for an operation's food handlers.

Operations earning this distinction will be recognized in two ways. First, they will receive an attractive certificate (8.5" by 11"), which can be framed and hung up for customers to view. Secondly, a listing of all award recipients will be listed on the Stark County Health Department web page.

Consideration for this award is initiated by the operation. The Stark County Health Department's food safety program will review all applications. Operations will be notified in writing what criteria was lacking should the award be delayed.

Any operation within the jurisdiction of the Stark County Health Department that meets the criteria for the Grade A Food Safety Excellence Award may apply.

If your operation meets the eligibility criteria, please submit the following application and required documentation to the Stark County Health Department food safety program.

If you have any questions, contact Christina Gallion at 330-451-1463.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE GRADE A FOOD EXCELLENCE AWARD



1. **Submit a copy of food safety certifications:**
  - Risk Level 1 & 2 operations need at least one person in charge per shift with the Ohio Person-In-Charge (PIC) Certification in Food Protection.
  - Risk Level 3 & 4 operations need at least one person on staff with management responsibilities that has the Ohio Manager Certification in Food Protection.
2. **Submit a written procedure** that outlines a food safety education and training program
3. No more than 2 critical violations for the past calendar year for establishments <25,000 sq. ft. and no more than 3 critical violations for establishments >25,000 sq. ft.
4. No more than 4 non-critical violations for the past calendar year for establishments <25,000 sq. ft. and no more than 8 non-critical violations for establishments >25,000 sq. ft.

The Food Safety Program will determine criteria compliance. This award is issued annually. Facilities that have received the award will be required to reapply each year.

**To apply for the Grade A Food Safety Excellence Award, please submit the required information along with the application on the following page to:**

Stark County Health Department  
Attn: Christina Gallion  
7235 Whipple Ave. NW  
North Canton, Ohio 44720  
[gallionc@starkhealth.org](mailto:gallionc@starkhealth.org)



## APPLICATION FOR THE GRADE A FOOD EXCELLENCE AWARD

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Facility \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Risk Level (1-4) \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Commercial \_\_\_\_\_

### Attach the following:

- Copies of food safety certifications according to risk level
- Written procedure that outlines a food safety education and training program

**I certify that all information supplied is factual and that the Health Commissioner or Environmental Director may remove the certificate should the facility operate contrary to the terms of the designation.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

### Remainder to be filled out by Health Department personnel

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Food Safety Inspector \_\_\_\_\_

# Critical Violations \_\_\_\_\_ # Non-Critical Violations \_\_\_\_\_

Food safety training procedures submitted ☐ Yes ☐ No  
(ex. How is training passed down to employees?)

Ohio **PIC** Certification in Food Protection or Ohio **Manager** Certification in Food Protection submitted ☐ Yes ☐ No

Criteria Met ☐ Yes ☐ No

## **CURRENT FACILITIES THAT HAVE EARNED THE GRADE A FOOD EXCELLENCE AWARD**

### **Almost Heaven Ice Cream**

2154 Beechwood Ave.  
Alliance, Ohio 44601

### **Almost Heaven Ice Cream**

6590 Middlebranch Ave.  
Canton, Ohio 44721

### **Almost Heaven Ice Cream**

624 S. Prospect Ave.  
Hartville, OH 44632

### **Almost Heaven Ice Cream**

102 Canal St.  
Canal Fulton, OH 44614

### **Canton South- Central Dining Room**

600 Faircrest St SE  
Canton OH, 44707

### **Canton South Middle School**

4404 Cleveland Ave, S  
Canton, OH 44707

### **East Canton Schools**

310 Browning Ct.  
East Canton, OH 44730

### **Faircrest Memorial Elementary School**

616 Faircrest St SW  
Canton, OH 44706

### **Hartville Kitchen**

1015 Edison St.  
Hartville, Ohio 44632

### **Perry Local Schools-Career and Wellness Center**

3737 13<sup>th</sup> St. NW  
Massillon, OH 44646

### **Stinson Elementary**

8454 Erie Ave. N  
Canal Fulton, OH 44614