



Submit Your Nominations Now for the “Excellence in Education” Champion Award

The Purpose of NC HEF - The NC Hospitality Education Foundation (NC HEF), a 501(c) 3, formed in 2003 by the North Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association (NCRLA), launched its scholarship and grant program in 2004 and has already made more than \$500,000 available to culinary arts and hospitality management students and faculty across the state. This program is one of the most comprehensive of its kind in the nation.

The “Excellence in Education” Champion Award - Only one hospitality leader is recognized with the “Excellence in Education” Champion Award each year; someone who has made significant contributions to education in North Carolina. Each spring, NC HEF presents this award during its annual “Excellence in Education” Gala. The Gala also recognizes scholarship and grant recipients, along with other leaders in education. The first four “Excellence in Education” Champion Award winners were James H. Maynard, chairman and co-founder of Golden Corral and H.M. Poythress, president & CEO of Diversified Foods, Michael Olander, president & CEO of Apple Gold, Mike Kelly, owner of Kelly Hospitality Group, Van Eure, owner of The Angus Barn. These past recipients are not eligible for nomination.

Criteria - Nominees must be considered a leader in North Carolina’s hospitality industry and have made outstanding contributions to advance educational excellence—hospitality related or not—across the state. Nominees can be from the restaurant, hospitality, or tourism segment of the industry.

Selection Procedures – The award recipient will be chosen by a committee consisting of the NC Hospitality Education Foundation’s Executive Board. The selection will be announced prior to the NC HEF Education Benefit Celebration (also known as the Silent Auction Event held the day before the NC Hospitality Golf Classic) and be presented to the winner during the Benefit Celebration in Raleigh on Sunday May 16, 2010.

Submitting Your Nominations - All nominations must be submitted on the nomination form provided. Nominations cannot be made by telephone. Please be sure to give complete information regarding the reasons why you are nominating that individual. You may include materials that such as newspaper or magazine clippings, testimonials, etc. to support your nomination. Anything submitted will become the property of NC HEF and will not be returned.

NC HEF will accept nominations until close of business Monday, March 29. Please direct any questions to Paul M. Stone at (800) 582-8750. Mail nomination forms and any supporting materials to: NC HEF, 6036 Six Forks Rd, Raleigh, NC 27609; or fax to (919-844-0190). The nomination form can be found on the next sheet.

**2010 NC HEF *"Excellence in Education"* Champion Award
Nomination Form**

(Please read the reverse page accompanying this form before making your nomination)

Type or Print – Give Detailed Information

Name of Nominee: _____

Position/Title: _____

Name of Company: _____

PO Box/Street Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Nomination Submitted

By: _____

Reasons you feel this person is qualified:

Hospitality industry background:

Significant contributions to education in North Carolina (including scholarships or endowments previously given to students, etc.):

Miscellaneous services and awards:

Feel free to use additional pages and include materials backing up your nomination such as newspaper or magazine clippings, testimonials, etc. All materials become the property of NC HEF and will not be returned.

**DEADLINE: NC HEF must receive this form no later than close of business
Monday, March 29, 2010.**