

Top Spot Award FAQ'S

Q. What is the Top Spot Award?

A. The Top Spot Award is a recognition program to reward facilities who are dedicated to excellent sanitation, food safety and a well-trained, knowledgeable staff.

Q. How often will the Top Spot Award be given?

A. This award will be offered on an annual basis and will be based off of each standard inspection from last full licensing year.

Q. What is considered a “Licensing Year”?

A. A “Licensing Year” is the period from the first day of March until the last day of February the next year.

Q. If I am selected for this award, what will I receive?

A. Firms that are selected will receive a certificate of excellence, recognition from Toledo Lucas County Health Department, a window decal for your establishment, and may also include local media coverage.

Q. Will I be notified if I am selected for the award?

A Yes, you will be notified by mail that you have been accepted for the award. The letter will also state the time and place for a reception to receive your award.

Q. What is required to be selected?

A. There are two separate requirements to be selected. The first are the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a Food Service Operation or Retail Food Establishment
- Have no confirmed food borne illness within 2 years.
- Have the same licensee for at least 1 full licensing year.
- Have no administrative hearings in the past 2 licensing periods
- All applications for license renewals must be submitted prior to March 1st deadline. If you are charged a late fee, you will not be eligible for the award.
- Have no violations from Liquor Control
- Have no violations from the Smoking Program
- Did not voluntarily close because of a public health concern.

The second is a point system based on your inspections from the last full licensing year. To be considered, the facility must attain the following amount of points corresponding to the risk level classification and size of the facility. Only standard inspections will be used to determine your

total points. Your risk level classification can be found on the upper right hand portion of your food service license or on your inspection reports.

Classification/Risk Level	Minimum Points Required
Commercial or Non-Commercial-Risk Level 1 less than 25,000 sq. ft.	8
Commercial or Non-Commercial-Risk Level 2 less than 25,000 sq. ft.	8
Commercial or Non-Commercial-Risk Level 3 less than 25,000 sq. ft.	12
Commercial or Non-Commercial-Risk Level 4 less than 25,000 sq. ft.	12
All Establishments risk level 1-4 more than 25,000 sq. ft.	10

POINTS FOR NUMBER OF VIOLATION

Type of Violation	Number of Violation(s)	Points
No Violations	0	10
Non-Critical	1-3	8
Non-Critical	4 or more	0
Critical	1	-2
Critical	2-3	-4
Critical	4 or more	-10

Q. Is the Top Spot Award something that I have to participate in?

A. NO! The Top Spot Award is a voluntary program. You must apply to be considered for the award. If you own more than one location, each location must apply for the award.

Q. How do I apply for the Top Spot Award?

A. There are several way to apply:

- Download an application from our web site: www.lucascountyhealth.com and mail or FAX to our office.
- Call our office and request an application.
- Send an e mail to topspotaward@co.lucas.oh.us and request an application.
- If you own more than one store and wish to apply for all locations, **a separate application must be submitted for each location.**

Q. What is the contact information for the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department?

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