



presented by the
**Kansas City, Mo.,
Health Department**

This award is designed to recognize those facilities that take the initiative to go above and beyond health code requirements to excel in sanitation and food safety. The Kansas City, Mo., Health Department recognizes that Excellence is most fully achieved when the food service management fully endorses employee education and training. Therefore, the Grade A Food Excellence Award will be awarded in September to those operations that have exhibited excellence in sanitation and food safety as well as evidence of successful employee education.

Criteria for Food Service Establishments to earn a Grade A Food Excellence Award:

1. At least one person in the facility must have successfully completed the Kansas City Health Department Food Manager course or must be ServSafe Certified.
2. At least 90% of the food handlers in the establishment must have valid Kansas City, Mo., Food Handler Cards.
3. No critical violations for the past 12 months.
4. No more than 4 non-critical violations for low and medium risk facilities; and no more than 8 non-critical violations for high risk facilities in the past 12 months.
5. Have a valid Kansas City, Mo., Food Permit and are in good standing with the Kansas City Health Department.

Any operation within the jurisdiction of the Kansas City, Mo., Health Department may request consideration for the Grade A Food Excellence Award on the application provided by the Health Department. The Food Protection Program staff shall review the applications and, based upon the criteria, shall make recommendations for the award to the Director of Health. Applications must be received by September 15, 2007.

Recipients of the Grade A Food Excellence Award will receive a certificate for posting to inform the public of their achievement. Award recipients will also be recognized on the Kansas City, Mo., Health Department website – www.kcmo.org/health.