



Do you have a Star behind your bar?
Then be sure to submit a nomination for the 2024 Star Mixologist Award

IHLA, in partnership with [Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits of Illinois](#) (SGWS), is looking for Illinois' best **hotel** bartenders for the 2024 IHLA Star Mixology Competition. Finalists will be featured, and the winner announced during the [2024 IHLA Star Awards Lunch](#) taking place **Thursday, December 12** at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel.

The deadline to submit nominations for your Star Mixologist is Friday, October 4

The competition rules and entry requirements are as follows:

To Enter:

1. Submit an original "Cocktail Recipe" to [Kristen Curnyn](#) by **October 4th**. The recipe submission must include the following items:
 - a. Name of hotel/bar
 - b. Your name, role, headshot and bio
 - c. Name of your cocktail
 - d. Complete ingredient list **featuring a [Proximo Spirits Co](#) spirit as the main ingredient**
 - e. Complete cocktail build with step-by-step instructions including glassware and garnish
*Any homemade syrups/garnish should also be accompanied by complete recipes & build instruction
 - f. A photo of your cocktail

To Win:

1. The winning cocktail will be one that demonstrates creativity while also recognizing profitability and adaptability by the hotel industry.
2. Each submission will be reviewed by a panel of judges and scored against the following categories:
 - a. Originality – 15 points
 - b. Adaptability – 15 points
 - c. Inspiration – 15 points
 - d. Taste – 55 points
3. Each submission will have their cocktail replicated by SGWS Mixologist and presented blind to the panel of judges who will choose the top three entries and the winning recipe.
4. The top three (3) finalists will have the chance to feature their cocktail during the Stars of the Industry Awards Lunch where the winner will also be announced. Additional opportunity to feature drinks and recipes will occur in 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact [Kristen Curnyn](#)



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