

Thank you for submitting an entry for the 2022 Creative Choice Awards. Please fill out the form below and submit completed forms as well as any additional supporting files to ngacreativechoice@nationalgrocers.org by Friday, December 3, 2021. Submissions should include the store name and campaign/event title in the email subject line. Please contact ngacreativechoice@nationalgrocers.org with any questions or concerns. Please select the category/categories you would like this entry to be judged for.* For more information on category criteria please visit ngacreativechoice.com.

MARKETING

- Connections Through Social Media
- Connections Through Digital Marketing or Mobile
- Traditional Media - TV, Radio and Print
- Grand Opening or Remodel

MERCHANDISING

- Local, Specialty, or Emerging Products
- Community Engagement
- Center Store/Frozen/GM/HBC
- Fresh Departments

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



- Kellogg's Supermarket Superheroes Award**
Day in and day out, it's our supermarket superheroes that continuously step up to serve their communities across the nation. Deemed as essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, independent grocers are the ones who put food on the table for millions of Americans. As the nation struggled to free itself from the pandemic and labor shortages put increased pressure on store teams, grocers continued to rely on their associates to go the extra mile to deliver on shopper expectations. In what ways have you celebrated all of the accomplishments of your supermarket superheroes? How have you honored your hard-working and dedicated team? Tell us how you have spotlighted your staff efforts.



- Unilever's Exceeding Excellence Award**
After a surge of foot traffic and an increase in new customers, in part due to the COVID-19 pandemic, independents have not only had to keep up with this new momentum but work to ensure customers keep coming back. For the new shoppers you have acquired over the past year, what have you done to keep them coming back? Did you create a new loyalty platform or leverage targeted offers to bring them back to store? Have you integrated curbside or online ordering? Created new shopper loyalty programs? Share your results and newly established best practices that enabled your success and increased shopper loyalty.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Title of Entry: _____

Independent Retail Store or Independent Retail Store Group Name: _____

Total Number of Stores in Company: _____

Number of Stores Campaign/Event was Executed In: _____

Campaign/Event Start Date: _____ Campaign/Event End Date: _____

Campaign/Event Description:

Please Describe the Steps Taken to Develop and Execute this Campaign/Event:

Why Did You Choose this Campaign/Event:

Describe How You Saw Success with this Campaign/Event:



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Supporting Links:

If you would like to submit supporting files, please email .doc, .docx, .pdf, .ppt, .pptx, .jpg, or .png to ngacreativechoice@nationalgrocers.org with the completed entry form. Other file types will not be accepted.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Company: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

INDEPENDENT RETAILER CONTACT INFORMATION (if different from above)

Contact Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

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