

Certified Junior Culinarian Secondary Culinary Graduate



The American Culinary Federation (ACF) offers a certification for graduates of the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation (ACFEF) Secondary Certified programs. Students are able to obtain a Certified Junior Culinarian (CJC) certification if they meet certain requirements.

CJC REQUIREMENTS:

- Graduate from an ACFEF Secondary Certified program
- Pass a National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) written and practical exam. A passing score of 70% or higher is required on the written exam and a score of 75% or higher is required on the practical exam
- No outside work experience is required for the certification

SECONDARY CULINARY GRADUATE REQUIREMENTS:

- Graduate from an ACFEF Secondary Certified program
- The minimum cut score to earn the certificate is 70%. The 70% may be achieved on the written test only or as an average of the written and performance test scores.

CJC TESTING NOTES:

Fee: Written Assessment Only

Paper/pencil administration: \$25.00

Online administration: \$19.00

Fee: Written and Performance Set

Paper/pencil administration: \$28.00/set

Online administration and performance rating entry: \$22.00/set

These fees are paid directly to NOCTI. Program coordinators will contact and make arrangements with NOCTI to administer the assessments. The NOCTI contact number is 800-334-6283.

The written and practical exams were written by the ACFEF Secondary Committee to meet the knowledge requirements and competencies of ACFEF Secondary Certified Programs.

In the event a candidate fails the written exam, a retest can be requested from NOCTI (additional fee applies) by the Program Coordinator. If the school contract with NOCTI allows, a candidate may apply up to 6 months from their program completion date. Retesting will be done at the discretion of the school's culinary instructor.

The assessment results are to be returned with the Award Request Form.

AWARDS:

- A CJC certificate is available for \$35.
- A Secondary Culinary Graduate certificate is available for \$25.
- If desired, both the CJC and the Graduate certificate are available for \$50.
- A Graduate Patch is available for \$10.

The ACFEF encourages schools to recognize the CJC achievement by honoring students at school awards day, graduation, or at culinary program ceremonies.

Please allow 3 weeks for processing certifications. Awards are mailed via US mail. If special shipping is requested, the school will be responsible for mailing fees.

Contact Candice Childers, cchilders@acfcchefs.net, with questions about the ACFEF Secondary Certified program or Arlene Weber, aweber@acfcchefs.net, with questions about the CJC certification.