



Honor Society of the  
American Culinary Federation®



## The American Academy of Chefs®

The American Culinary Federation

### High School Student Scholarship Application

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Culinary Institute of America Scholarship Application

- Celebrating 80 years as the premier professional organization for culinarians in North America

- ACF represents 21,500 members spanning 230 chapters

- ACF offers the most comprehensive certification program for American Chefs

- ACF is an industry leader in supplying educational resources, training, apprenticeship and accreditation

- ACF is host to ACF National Convention, the largest gathering of professional chefs in the nation

- ACF's Seal of Approval program provides quality assurance to consumers

- ACF Culinary Team USA is the official representative for the U.S. in international culinary competitions

## Scholarship Information

The American Academy of Chefs® will award four scholarships each year. Each recipient will receive \$2,500 per year for four years to be applied directly to the student's account at the institution.

## Eligibility Requirements

To be considered by the scholarship committee, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Be an exemplary student. Have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher.
- Be a high school senior eligible to graduate the same year as the scholarship is applied for.
- Be currently accepted to the institution with a major in either culinary or pastry arts.
- Have a career goal of becoming a chef or pastry chef

## Application Procedures

Applicants will be evaluated on a 100 point scale dependent on the criteria listed below. **Only completed and signed applications will be reviewed** by the scholarship selection committee.

### Academic Grade Point Average

*(Total of 30 possible points)*

The following points are earned based on the applicants cumulative GPA. Sealed official transcript showing current GPA must be submitted for verification. No duplicate copies will be accepted.

Cumulative GPA 2.5 – 2.59 = +2 points  
 Cumulative GPA 2.6 – 2.79 = +5 points  
 Cumulative GPA 2.8 – 2.99 = +10 points  
 Cumulative GPA 3.0 – 3.29 = +15 points  
 Cumulative GPA 3.3 – 3.59 = +20 points  
 Cumulative GPA 3.6 – 3.89 = +25 points  
 Cumulative GPA 3.9 – 4.0 = +30 points

### Participation in Culinary Competitions

*(Total of 20 possible points)*

Points may be earned for competing in a culinary or pastry competition at a local, regional, or national level. Acceptable competitions include ACF sanctioned competitions, Skills USA, ProStart competitions. Only one competition may be submitted per scholarship application. For verification please submit competitor's letter or letter of participation from team coach. Verification letters should include name, date and location of competition. Competition must have been held within the last 12 months.

Participated as competitor = +5 points  
 Earned Bronze medal = +10 points  
 Earned Silver medal = +15 points  
 Earned Gold medal = +20 points

### Volunteer for School and Industry Activities

*(Total of 10 possible points)*

Points may be earned for culinary volunteer involvement for school and industry related activities. Examples include community charity events, food pantry, cooking for disaster relief, volunteering for a culinary club, cooking at a homeless shelter, or working at a charity dinner. Points vary depending on the number of activities attended or worked in the last 12 months with a 3 event maximum. Letter verifying volunteer service must be submitted as proof.

1 activity submitted = 3 points  
 2 activities submitted = 7 points  
 3 activities submitted = 10 points

### American Culinary Federation Involvement

*(Total of 10 possible points)*

Points may be earned for involvement in ACF related activities including attending local chapter meetings, volunteering for chapter events, working on an ACF committee, or attending an ACF national or regional event. Points vary depending on the number of ACF events attended in the last 12 months with a 3 event maximum. Submit for verification a letter from a chapter representative or letter of attendance.

1 event/activity submitted = 3 points  
 2 event/activities submitted = 7 points  
 3 event/activities submitted = 10 points

### Required Essay

*(Total of 25 possible points)*

Complete each essay question listed on page 5 of this application. Each question is worth a possible 5 points for a total of 25. Answers must be a minimum of 50 words per question. Only typed response will be considered.

### Letters of reference

*(Total of 5 possible points)*

Submit two letters of recommendation from industry, culinary professional and/or culinary educators. Family members are ineligible. Late references will not be considered.

### Selection Recipients

Selection will be based on student's overall academic progress, financial need, extracurricular activities, participation in culinary activities, competitions and answers to essay questions.

### Notice of Awards

Students will be notified by mail of any scholarship award or denial.

### Renewal of Scholarship

Scholarships are not automatically renewed for candidates. Candidates are encouraged to reapply if scholarship funds are needed in future years.

### Revocation of Aid

The ACF reserves the right to cancel any scholarship at any time if the applicant fails to meet the standards of academic progress, any other scholarship requirements, or falsifies information reported.

### Scholarship Deadline

Send the scholarship application, postmarked no later than April 30 to:

The American Academy of Chefs®  
 180 Center Place Way  
 St. Augustine, FL 32095

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▪ **Section 1:**  
Personal Information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

▪ **Section 2:**  
Educational institution  
for which this  
scholarship would  
be used. Please include  
letter of acceptance  
with application

Educational Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree Pursued: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

▪ **Section 3:**  
High School and  
additional education

Educational Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree Pursued: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree Pursued: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree Pursued: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

▪ **Section 4:**  
Current Employment

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Specific Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name/Title/Phone Number of Immediate Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Start and End Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

▪ **Section 5:**  
Past Industry Experience

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Specific Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name/Title/Phone Number of Immediate Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Start and End Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the information I have submitted is correct. I authorize the release of this information to the AAC scholarship committee and will provide additional information or verification upon request.

If awarded the scholarship, I grant permission to the American Culinary Federation and its subsidiaries, to use the information included in this scholarship application for distribution in both printed and digital matter. I understand that I will not be compensated and that I may not be notified of each use.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

▪ Academic Grade Point Average

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Official transcript included:

Official transcript sent separately:

Official transcript not included:

▪ Participation in culinary competitions within the last 12 months (verification must be included)

Participated as a competitor:

Earned a bronze medal:

Earned a silver medal:

Earned a gold medal:

▪ Volunteer for schools and industry activities within the last 12 months (verification must be included)

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

▪ American Culinary Federation involvement within last 12 months (verification must be included)

Event/activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Event/activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Event/activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

▪ **Question 1:**  
Describe your leadership ability and teamwork building skills with your peers and co-workers?

▪ **Question 2:**  
Provide an example of how you have utilized your leadership skills in a culinary work environment

▪ **Question 3:**  
What do you hope to contribute to the culinary industry?

▪ **Question 4:**  
Describe the importance and benefits of becoming a member of a professional organization?

▪ **Question 5:**  
Describe how important community service is to you?

▪ **Bonus Question (worth extra 5 points):**  
Are you planning on furthering your education after graduation, if yes, how?

## Financial Aid Release Form

to be completed by school student that will be attending

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student I.D. number: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Educational Institution

to release any and all of my financial records to: The American Academy of Chefs®  
180 Center Place Way  
St. Augustine, FL 32095

for use in determining my eligibility for an AAC scholarship. I understand that I will be responsible for any cost associated with sending this information. In addition, I understand that I will be responsible for the submission of this completed form prior to the appropriate preview date.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Educational Institution Information

Please request that your financial aid office supply the following information and attached this completed form to your scholarship application.

Estimated cost per \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated cost per \_\_\_\_\_  
(period) (period)

\$ _____ Tuition and fees	\$ _____ PELL
\$ _____ Books and supplies	\$ _____ Stafford
\$ _____ Food	\$ _____ School-based
\$ _____ Transportation	\$ _____ PLUS/SLS
\$ _____ Miscellaneous	\$ _____ Family contribution
\$ _____ Personal	\$ _____ Student contribution
\$ _____ Housing	\$ _____ Other — please list
\$ _____ <b>Total</b>	\$ _____ <b>Total</b>

\_\_\_\_\_  
FAO Signature ( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
FAO Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
FAO Printed / Typed Name

**Forms to be returned to:** The American Academy of Chefs®  
180 Center Place Way  
St. Augustine, FL 32095  
Fax: (904) 825-4758