



2012 ACF award application



Chef Professionalism Award

APPLICATION DEADLINE
OCTOBER 31, 2011

2012

award application



general application guidelines

- Nominees' region is determined by chapter affiliation. In the event you are a national member your region will be determined by home address of record.
- Military nominees' region is determined by location of duty station.
- Nominees may not apply for more than one regional award in any given year.
- All documentation must be submitted on 8.5" x 11" paper.
- Do not submit original documentation as it will not be returned.
- When submitting copies of articles or awards send no more than 3-5 of the most recent, not to exceed 15 pages total.
- Deadline is a received by date, not a postmarked by date.

awards selection committees

ACF will have an awards screening and selection committee appointed by the ACF National President for each award. The committees will determine eligibility of candidates and select the semi-finalists or regional winner. **All decisions made by the selection committee are final and binding.**

Each Awards Selection Committee consists of four members, one from each region. Committee members are current ACF members in good standing, are not nominated for an award in the year they serve and do not participate in the selection of candidates from their home region.

Chef, Pastry Chef and Student Chef of the Year will be coordinated by a member of the Culinary Competition Committee. The competition committee representative does not have a vote, but will provide technical or educational advice as necessary.



chef professionalism AWARD

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award objectives

- To recognize the ACF chef who best exemplifies the highest standard of professionalism in today's kitchen, through certification, continuing education and training, culinary competitions, development of young culinarians and community involvement.
- To honor active, working chefs who run the day-today operations of a full-service dining facility and supervise its kitchen brigade.

candidate eligibility

Candidate cannot be running for any other regional or national award and must:

1. Be a current, **Professional Culinarian** level member of the American Culinary Federation and an outstanding member of a local chapter;
2. Be certified by the ACF at the sous chef level or higher for a minimum of five years;
3. Be or have been employed as a chef in a full-service dining facility for at least three of the last five years.
4. Devote personal time and effort to the professional development of qualified young culinarians;
5. Be personally involved in improving and upgrading personal professional status through continuing education and/or college degree programs;
6. Be an active member of other trade-related professional associations;
7. Be an active participant in ACF-sponsored culinary art shows or any culinary activities where professional excellence can be documented; and
8. Enhance the local chapter's professional image in the community by involvement with local charities, schools, businesses and other community organizations.

NOTE: Past regional winners may reapply after 5 years. Past national winners cannot reapply.

application guidelines

A complete nomination package includes:

- A completed application form;
- A list of activities with supporting documentation for each item under candidate eligibility;

- A professional resumé and a brief (300 words or less) statement of personal philosophy regarding chef professionalism. The statement should address your personal views, including such topics as certification, apprenticeship and how you see your responsibilities toward helping young cooks and chefs mature in the profession;
- A letter of commitment from the candidate agreeing to attend his or her respective regional conference and the national convention, if selected; and
- A high resolution, digital, color photograph of candidate in white chef's coat. The digital photograph must meet the following requirements: 300 dpi (dots per inch) in a .tif or .jpeg format, and at least 1200 by 1600 pixels. Picture can be emailed to events@acfchefs.net or submitted on a CD.

selection process: regional

Regional finalists will be chosen by a selection committee made of past 5 regional winners. Committee decisions are final.

The finalists will be announced at each regional conference Chef Professionalism Lunch.

The four regional winners will vie for the national honor.

selection process: national

The national recipient will be chosen by the same selection committee. Committee decisions are final.

In the case of a tie, the ACF national president and two past national winners will determine the tie-breaker on both the national and regional levels.

The national winner will be announced at ACF's national convention during the Chef Professionalism Lunch.

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY
OCTOBER 31, 2011

Mail To: American Culinary Federation | Attn: Awards
180 Center Place Way | St. Augustine, FL 32095



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APPLICATION FORM

personal information

Full Name _____
 Home Address _____
 City, State & Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

employment information (current employment)

Name of Establishment _____
 Your Position/Title _____
 Address _____
 City, State & Zip _____
 Business Phone _____ Fax _____

professional accomplishments | awards

Please list your top three professional accomplishments or awards:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

I hereby certify that the information I have submitted is correct. Furthermore, I grant permission to the American Culinary Federation and its subsidiaries to use the information included in my application in print and electronically for promotional purposes, which may include video and/or photography. I understand that I will not be compensated and that I may not be notified of each use.

Also, I agree that all decisions made by the selection committee are final and not subject to appeal.

Candidate's Signature _____

Date _____



PRIZE PACKAGE – PROVIDED BY MINOR'S®

REGIONAL WINNERS RECEIVE:

- A silver medal and silver plaque in the theme of the award program. The silver medal will be presented at the Regional Conference, and the silver plaque will be presented at the National Convention.
- One National ACF Convention registration, one Chef Professionalism Award luncheon ticket and \$2,000 for travel and lodging expenses to the ACF National Convention.

THE NATIONAL WINNER RECEIVES:

- A gold medal and gold plaque in the theme of the award program.
- MINOR'S will grant an honorarium of \$2,500 to the national winner.
- MINOR'S will donate \$2,500 as a student aid scholarship, in the name of the national winner, to an institution in the US offering an ACF Accredited Postsecondary Program, selected by the national winner.

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