



ACF YOUTH CULINARY TEAM USA

The Road to IKA 2012

Teams of four persons and an alternate will be required to submit an ACF Youth Culinary Team USA application to the ACF national office. Each team member must not be older than 25 years on the qualifying date, December 30, 2012. Applications must be received by May 31, 2010.

An entry fee of \$250.00 per team is required with each application. The team should have the full support of their chapter, including assistance with fundraising. A letter of commitment from the chapter must accompany the application.

Youth Team Try-outs will take place at the 2010 ACF National Convention in Anaheim, California, where Teams will be required to compete in both cold and hot food segments. On day one, each team will produce a four-course meal for four persons in the standard ninety-minute time frame used for regional student team competition (menu of your choice, no classical dish will be required, refer to the ACF Student Competition Manual for information). On day two, they will present a cold buffet platter for eight and three plated desserts (presented cold), each for one serving (refer to the ACF Student Competition Manual for information). Each team must fulfill all hot and cold food requirements in order to be considered for the selection. Any infractions will disqualify the team from such consideration. Related score sheets will be mailed to the teams at a later date.

Although tryout scores are important, finding the ideal team will be a matter of finding the right balance. To that end, final team selection will take into account—in addition to tryout scores—work habits, the ability to be a team player, past experience and temperament. Interviews will be conducted following the cold segment on the second day of the competition.

The objective of team selection is to choose the best student team that will represent all things culinary in regard to American cuisine and our future young chefs cooking in America. All decisions of who is selected are final.

Each member of the winning team, if not previously a member of ACF, is expected to become a member of ACF once named to the ACF Youth Culinary Team USA.

The winning team will be known as the ACF Youth Culinary Team USA. The winning team is part of the ACF team structure and does not belong to the supporting chapter or school.

Terms and Conditions

Each team member must not be older than 25 years on the qualifying date, December 30, 2012. The international jurors will check passports and a certificate of health issued no longer than 30 days before the IKA competition begins.

Teams must provide written agreement to fund 100% of the cost for round trip air transportation, hotel, van rental and living expenses. (In 2008, the youth team, with the support of its chapter, partners and school, raised over \$100,000). It is recommended teams seek financial support from their chapter, culinary school, purveyors, etc.

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An aggressive practice session will be implemented. The team is expected to fund the costs of all practice sessions.

The team will be furnished with Culinary Team USA 2012 apparel and will be supported by the infrastructure of Culinary Team USA, led by Chef Steven Jilleba, CMC, AAC, his team advisors and the ACF Youth Culinary Team Manager, Alex Darvishi, CEC, AAC.

All public relations and press releases must first be sent to Chef Jilleba and ACF Headquarters for approval prior to release.

Copies of the Youth Team rules from the "Culinary Olympics" in 2008 may be obtained from ACF events office. It is anticipated that the rules for 2012 will be similar.

A letter of helpful hints for the competition and a Team USA conduct code will be sent to all applicants to assist them in their preparation.

All team members will apply strict adherence to the Culinaricians Code. The ACF Youth Culinary Team USA is part of a three tier structure which also includes the national and military teams. All team members will be required to follow the rules and guidelines in place.