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American Culinary Federation Partners with Indianapolis' The Chef's Academy to Offer Four New Scholarships Totaling \$20,000

St. Augustine, Fla., December 14, 2011—High school students seeking assistance with the rising cost of culinary school are in luck. The American Academy of Chefs (AAC), the honor society of the American Culinary Federation (ACF), the nation's largest professional chefs organization, and The Chefs Academy (TCA), an ACFEF-accredited program in Indianapolis, are pleased to announce four new scholarships available for students accepted to TCA, totaling \$5,000 over four years.

"ACF is thrilled to be working with TCA to provide scholarships that will help mold tomorrow's culinary leaders," said Rajeev Patgaonkar, CEC, AAC, ACFEF AAC Scholarship Committee chair. "This partnership shows that TCA is dedicated to helping students achieve their goals. We hope that high school students will look into the scholarship requirements and submit their applications by the April 30 deadline."



Four yearly scholarships of \$625 per academic term for four years will be awarded and applied directly to students' accounts at TCA. Scholarships are available for high school students who have been accepted to TCA and plan on becoming a chef. **Applications are available at www.acfchefs.org/scholarships and are due April 30 of each year.** Scholarship money will be applied in the fall semester. The AAC Scholarship Committee will select the 2012 winners in June.



"We are proud to partner with the American Culinary Federation," said Jayson Boyers, national division president at The Chef's Academy. "Our organizations share a deep commitment to educating the culinary leaders of the future and these scholarships will be tremendously appreciated by students looking for assistance in achieving their dream to become a chef."

Who is eligible?

- Exemplary students who have maintained a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher during their senior year
- High school seniors eligible to graduate the same year as the scholarship is applied for
- Students who are currently accepted to TCA with a major in culinary or pastry arts
- Those with a career goal of becoming a chef or pastry chef

What do I need to apply?

- Completed application and essay
- Two letters of recommendation from industry culinary professionals and/or culinary educators
- Sealed final official transcript showing current GPA

The American Academy of Chefs offers educational scholarships to high school students entering culinary school, as well as to those currently attending culinary school. The scholarships are given throughout the year to qualified applicants who meet a strict set of requirements. These scholarships help young culinarians achieve their educational goals. Last year, the AAC, through its partnerships, distributed \$46,000 in scholarship funds to culinary students. In addition to TCA, AAC also currently offers scholarships to Johnson & Wales University and The Culinary Institute of America.

About the American Culinary Federation

The American Culinary Federation, Inc., established in 1929, is the premier professional organization for culinarians in North America. With more than 20,000 members spanning more than 210 chapters nationwide, ACF is the culinary leader in offering educational resources, training, apprenticeship and programmatic accreditation. In addition, ACF operates the most comprehensive certification program for chefs in the United States, with the Certified Executive Chef® designation the only culinary credential accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). ACF is home to ACF Culinary Team USA, the official representative for the United States in major international culinary competitions, and to the Chef & Child Foundation, founded in 1989 to promote proper nutrition in children and to combat childhood obesity. For more information, visit www.acfchefs.org.

About The Chef's Academy

The Chef's Academy is the Culinary Division of Harrison College, a 109-year-old, nationally accredited institution that offers 38 degree programs in five schools of study. More than 6,000 students altogether are enrolled at Harrison College's 12 campuses, its online division and The Chef's Academy. Headquartered in Indianapolis, The Chef's Academy opened a second academy on a 4.37-acre campus in North Carolina's Triangle in August 2011. At The Chef's Academy, students become prepared and marketable graduates entering the fields of culinary arts, pastry arts, and hospitality and restaurant management through classroom and experiential instruction that sets up expectations for the real-life industry. The college's culinary division provides an environment that fosters students' passion for culinary arts and hospitality and a curriculum developed by the most qualified instructors and leaders in the market. The Chef's Academy is endorsed and accredited by the American Culinary Federation (ACF). For more information about The Chef's Academy, visit www.thechefsacademy.com.

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Editor's Note: High-res photos from the school are available upon request. Contact Leah Craig at (904) 484-0213 or lcraig@acfchefs.net or Kate Catlin at (919) 233-6600 or kate@mmipublicrelations.com.