

## JOIN FOR THE CULINARY NETWORK

Today, ACF serves more than 20,000 members. Our chapters are designed to increase the unity and effectiveness of all those members within a geographical radius. Chapters bring culinarians together to learn more about the culinary profession as well as sharing their own knowledge.

### Join one of our 210+ local chapters and...

- Expand your circle of colleagues and contacts.
- Network at local meetings, receptions and programs.
- Exchange knowledge with local culinary experts.
- Earn recognition through awards and competitions.
- Step into leadership roles.
- Advocate for the profession.
- Learn about business development and job opportunities.



## JOIN FOR THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ACF certification is a symbol of professionalism and a guide by which any culinarian can shape his or her career. Culinary certification requires a combination of education, testing and work experience. Currently, there are more than 10,000 ACF-certified cooks and chefs.

ACFEF offers apprenticeship programs for on-the-job training combined with technical classroom instruction.

ACFEF also accredits post-secondary and secondary culinary programs, ensuring that courses taught meet the strictest standards of excellence.

ACF-sanctioned competitions develop culinary skills and teamwork on a grand stage. The prestigious ACF Culinary Team USA competes worldwide and has won numerous international awards.

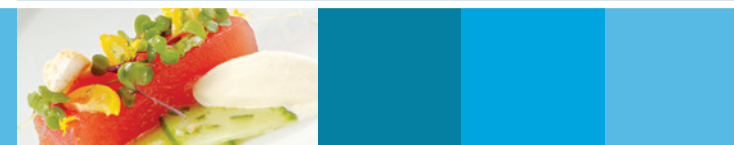
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## AMERICAN CULINARY FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP





“WITH MORE THAN 210 CHAPTERS, ACF MEMBERSHIP CONNECTS CULINARIANS IN YOUR COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING IMPORTANT NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES.”

## WHY JOIN?

Boost your culinary career. Gain access to experts in the culinary profession. Stay on top of the latest in culinary arts.

Food brings people together, and ACF brings together those who love food. Whether it's the professional culinarian looking to build skills and a strong résumé, the foodservice executive chef wanting to network or the students and educators who embrace culinary arts, ACF has something for everyone!

**PROFESSIONAL CULINARIAN** – is the professional/ chef with 3 years or more of full time employment in the culinary profession.

**CULINARIAN** – is for the new professional, someone with a minimum of 6 months full time employment who is pursuing on-the-job training and building a résumé to take on more responsibility.

**STUDENT CULINARIAN** – is a registered apprentice or a student in the post-secondary culinary education program with less than 2 years of full-time employment.

**JUNIOR CULINARIAN** – is the high school student between the ages of 16 and 18.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** - is for any group, corporation or company that provides products or services to the culinary profession.

**ALLIED MEMBERSHIP** – is for those in professions related to the culinary profession, such as a nutritionist, dietician, bartender, waiter, restaurant manager or owner.

**CULINARY ENTHUSIAST** – is someone who has a passion for the culinary arts. Home cooks to gourmets are welcome at this level.

**PROPERTY MEMBERSHIP** – allows companies or educational institutions to purchase ACF memberships for culinarians at a reduced rate.

## JOIN FOR THE BENEFITS

### •Big Savings!

- Up to \$150 savings on certification and practical test fees
- Up to \$275 savings on registration fees at ACF regional conferences and national conventions.
- 15% savings at ACF's online store
- 10-50% savings on products and services from our Members Advantage Program participants
- Up to \$500 savings on conferences and trade shows from culinary industry partners

•**Network** with renowned chefs, top industry professionals and executives.

•**Get involved with more than 210 chapters** and get plugged in to your community by joining your local ACF chapter.

•**Feed your passion for food** through membership in the largest culinary organization and the only organization that promotes the professional image of American chefs worldwide through education of culinarians at all levels.

•**Propel your career through certification.** Maintain your competitive edge in today's evolving culinary industry.

•**Access ACF's Career Center.** Our web-based service allows job seekers to post résumés and view open positions across the nation.

•**Access the latest trends and techniques in the industry** with our digital version of *The National Culinary Review*, ACF's award-winning magazine (10 issues per year).

•**Reach culinary students and educators** through our digital magazine, *Sizzle: The American Culinary Federation Quarterly for Students of Cooking*.

•**Receive up-to-date ACF news** in *The Culinary Insider*, ACF's official biweekly e-newsletter.

•**E-Shop.** Purchase culinary books, textbooks, cookbooks, ACF logo merchandise and more at ACF's online store.

•**Competitions.** Raise the standard of your culinary excellence through participation in our local, regional or national ACF-sanctioned competitions. Put your skills and knowledge to the test in a competitive format.

•**Gain valuable experience** through ACFEF's apprenticeship program. Combine on-the-job training with technical classroom instruction.

•**Gain scholarship opportunities** for culinary students and professional chefs seeking to further their education.

•**Be a part of the honor society of ACF.** Apply for the American Academy of Chefs (AAC), which represents the highest standards of professionalism in the organization, society and industry.

•**Accelerate your career.** Experience a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Be part of the Team. ACF Culinary Team USA is the official representative of the United States in major national and international culinary competitions.

•**Help build a healthier tomorrow with Chef & Child Foundation.** Be a voice in the culinary industry in its fight against childhood hunger, malnutrition and obesity. American Culinary Federation members help educate children and families in understanding proper nutrition through community-based initiatives.

•**Term Life Insurance.** Offered to members in “good standing,” this benefit is currently being offered to professional culinarian, culinarian, student culinarian, senior professional culinarian, allied and associate members who are not part of property or military programs.

•**Gain access to a global network.** Get connected to the World Association of Chefs Societies (WACS), which comprises 8 million chefs worldwide in 92 countries.