



Ignite your career with ACF

Learn more about
opportunities for
culinary students



American Culinary Federation
The Standard of Excellence for Chefs

American Culinary Federation is the largest and most prestigious professional chefs organization in North America. ACF has more than 17,500 proud members who belong to over 150 chapters across the United States and is recognized as the leader in professional development for the culinary community. The good news is you can join now as a culinary student –use your membership to move you up your career path!

Once young culinarians graduate, they need to remain fresh and relevant in this competitive industry. Join the only significant culinary trade organization in the USA—the ACF. This provides face-to-face networking opportunities, supplemental training, and the only culinary certification that is verified by practical testing.

—Russell Scott, CMC (Certified Master Chef), The Everglades Club, Palm Beach, FL

Only ACF guides you all the way to Certified Master Chef.

Brand Yourself with the Standard of Excellence

With thousands of chefs competing in the job market, it is essential to prove your culinary competency. Certification provides a career path beginning with Certified Culinarian/Pastry Culinarian and building through all levels of experience. ACF Certification is recognized as a standard of excellence in the foodservice industry; your certification tells employers that your skills and culinary expertise have reached a set benchmark. Learn more: www.acfchefs.org/ACF/Certify/About

ACF provided me with a clear and organized pathway to achieve personal and professional growth in the culinary field. Certification was a no-brainer when it came to my culinary professional development track, and I quickly saw the value it provided to a young professional.

—Tiffany A. Poe, CEC, Owner, Grandview Inn, Tulsa, OK

ACF MEMBER TIP: When you join ACF as a member, you'll save \$75 to \$200 on every certification, plus you'll be able to easily track your continuing education hours on your online member profile!





ACF Accredits Leading Culinary Schools

If you're graduating from an ACFEF-accredited postsecondary or certificate/diploma program, you're eligible to receive either a Certified Culinarian® (CC®) or Certified Pastry Culinarian® (CPC®) certification (depending on your program) without taking the certification exam—and if you are an ACF member, you won't have to pay any certification fees, either! Certificate/diploma participants can be certified after a year of entry level work experience. Employers across the USA recognize ACF certification as proof of the skills you bring to the job!

Employers Recruit ACF Members!

ACF's Career Center and Job Board allows you to build your resume and apply for positions at all levels across the country. Chefs and Pastry Chefs are in high demand, and the biggest and best employers actively recruit and hire ACF members at every level. Plan to personally meet industry leaders, recruiters and potential employers from all aspects of the foodservice industry at ACF career fairs, your local chapter, and at Regional and National ACF events.

Got Fame?

Sharpen your skills and gain recognition by competing in regional, national, and international Student Culinary and Pastry Competitions, as well as ACF's Culinary Knowledge Bowl. Training as an ACF competitor is an instant resume builder and a fun way to put the skills you've learned in the classroom to the test.

As you advance your skills, you can be recognized by the entire culinary community with ACF awards. These represent the highest honors, including ACF Student Chef of the Year Award, USA's Chef of the Year Award, ACF Pastry Chef of the Year Award, and more.

Are you the next celebrity chef? ACF members even receive casting calls for culinary TV shows and competitions.

Looking for Scholarships?

ACF's honor society, the American Academy of Chefs (AAC), provides great scholarship opportunities for culinary students.

Learn how to apply:
www.acfchefs.org/Scholarships

I'm always casting food shows on the Food Network, and my best people that do well in our shows are usually members of the American Culinary Federation.

—C. Nicolas,
Assistant Casting
Director, Guy's
Grocery Games

Join Today! ACF Members Get More

Money Saving Membership Perks!

You and your family can enjoy discounts on Nationwide car insurance, Dell computers and accessories, school/office supplies, theme park tickets, hotels and rental cars ... plus you even get life insurance coverage when you join ACF. (Life insurance applies to US memberships, except military and property memberships).

Network Locally, Connect Globally

As a member you'll connect with your nearest ACF chapter to meet chef mentors and make professional contacts for your future. Student members can jump start their career networking and gain continuing education hours at ACF's regional **ChefConnect** and annual **Cook. Craft. Create. ACF National Convention & Show**, and save up to \$675 on the cost of registration! ACF members also enjoy dual membership with the Worldchefs.

Knowledge is Power

As a student member, you'll receive all of ACF's digital publications by email—the same as ACF professional members do—including:

- *Sizzle*, ACF's award-winning quarterly digital magazine for culinary students, with articles on industry trends, step-by-step cooking demonstrations, recipes, interviews with leading chefs, features on culinary career paths and more student news and opportunities. *Sizzle* is also accessible using the free *Sizzle* App!
- *The National Culinary Review* is ACF's flagship magazine, delivered digitally 10 times a year, packed with the latest culinary trends and techniques. Take advantage of 4 CEH units available with each issue—that's 40 CEHs/year!
- The Culinary Insider is your bi-weekly e-newsletter announcing opportunities, special offers and more to keep you current.

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