

Initial PCC™ Certification Application  
**Personal Certified Chef™**



Return application and required documentation to:

American Culinary Federation, Inc.  
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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter ID#: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Present Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS**

**Include proof of completed mandatory requirements with application. Acceptable documents include official transcript, copies of diplomas and employment verification letters on company letterhead. All requirements must be fulfilled before submitting application. Do not send originals.**

| 1. Education   | Date Completed | Documentation Included   |
|--|----------------|--------------------------|
| High School Diploma/GED plus 50 CEH or   | _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 150 Continuing Education Hours or  | _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Associate's Degree in Culinary Arts or   | _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ACFF Apprenticeship Program  | _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Courses</b>   |                |                          |
| 30–Hour Culinary Nutrition   | _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 30–Hour Food Safety & Sanitation   | _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 30–Hour Business Management  | _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b><i>Eight hour refresher course required if initial 30–hour courses are older than five years.</i></b> |                |                          |
| 8–Hour Refresher Culinary Nutrition  | _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8–Hour Refresher Food Safety & Sanitation  | _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8–Hour Refresher Business Management   | _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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**2. Work Experience\***

| Clients | mm/dd/yy | mm/dd/yy | Documentation Included   |
|---------|----------|----------|--------------------------|
| _____   | _____    | _____    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| _____   | _____    | _____    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| _____   | _____    | _____    | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**\*Requirements**

*Three years as an entry level culinarian with a minimum of one (1) full year employed as a personal chef who is engaged in the preparation, cooking, serving, and sorting of foods on a "cook-for-hire-basis".  
 Documentation from clients must indicate Personal Chef experience for the duration of at least one year.  
 Work documentation form on ACF Web Site. Experience must be within the past 10 years.*

**3. Written Exam**

|                                 | Location | Date  | Score Sheet Included     |
|---------------------------------|----------|-------|--------------------------|
| (Score valid for 2 years) _____ | _____    | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**4. Practical Exam**

|                                | Location | Date  | Passing Form Included    |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------|--------------------------|
| (Score valid for 1 year) _____ | _____    | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*Exempt from taking Practical Exam if awarded a Gold or Silver Medal in either an ACF F-1 or F-5 Individual Competition or WACS Hot Food Competition within the past 5 years. Documentation required.*

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

- \$110.00 ACF Member       \$210.00 ACF Non-Member
- I have enclosed a check made payable to the American Culinary Federation (ACF).
- Please bill my:     Visa     MasterCard     Amex     Discover

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Account: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT**

With this application, I verify the information provided is truthful and accurate. I grant the ACF permission to investigate employment and education, and I release from liability all persons and companies supplying such information. I agree to adhere to the ACF Certification Code of Ethics, Designation Usage and policies of the certification program and agree to accept the ACF Certification Commission's determination on all certification decisions. Certification is awarded for five years and recertification is required to maintain certification designation. I acknowledge that false statements or misrepresentation may result in the revocation of this application and/or approved certification. I agree to allow ACF to share my certification accomplishment in ACF communications and with local newspapers and industry publications.

- Check this box if you do **not** want your certification accomplishments included in ACF communications or shared with local newspapers.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Return Policy:** The ACF reserves the right to retain \$15.00 of the certification fee for all returned applications.

**Retention Policy:** Certification documents will be retained for seven years after certification expiration.