



American Culinary Federation Education Foundation

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The Honorable Governor Tom Wolf
Governor of Pennsylvania
Office of the Governor
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf,

On behalf of the American Culinary Federation's Education Foundation (ACFEF), our Accreditation Commission and Apprenticeship Committee commend you for amending the statutory requirement for the state's Keystone Exam for career and technology education (CTE) students.

From our culinary, baking and pastry educational perspective, your leadership provides the CTE community with progressive, freedom of choice! Instructors know their students best. Now, educators have the flexibility to select programs, standards, knowledge and competencies that align with Department of Labor recognized industry stackable credentials. They can enable their students to pursue flexible and complimentary career pathways that lead to employment and/or post-secondary pursuits.

For secondary, post-secondary and workforce development programs, ACFEF offers industry-driven standards, knowledge and competencies that align with and augment CTE cluster curriculum. ACFEF collaborates with the National Occupancy Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) to administer written and practical assessments. Students who successfully pass these assessments can graduate with a validated industry certification to differentiate themselves in today's competitive workplace.

The ACFEF educational mission is to provide all students with the opportunity to pursue career pathways that embrace lifelong learning, flexibility and, most importantly, skill development and employment. Meeting employer needs with qualified and credentialed candidates illustrates our commitment to both the CTE community and future culinary employers. We will continue to provide the CTE community, Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and like-minded partners with the tools and resources they need to support students and educators.

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Please visit our website at www.acfchefs.org/education to find out more about ACFEF's educational and certification pathways.

Thank you for signing House Bill 202 into law and helping ACFEF to further its mission in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,



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