



American Culinary Federation

Dr. LJ Minor Chef Professionalism Award Application

Updated August 1, 2024

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Application Deadline: January 31, 2026

Overview:

This award is to recognize an ACF chef who best exemplifies the highest standard of professionalism in today's Food Service Industry, through certification, continuing education and training, culinary competitions, development of young culinarians and community involvement. To honor chefs who exemplify the pillars of professionalism, both in and out of the kitchen.

Eligibility:

- Be a current Professional Culinarian level member of ACF.
- Be certified by ACF at the sous chef level or higher for a minimum of five (5) years.
- Devote personal time and effort to the professional development of qualified young culinarians within the past ten (10) years; please describe.
- Be personally involved in continuously improving and upgrading personal professional status through continuing education hours, on-line training, competitions or college degree programs.
- Be an active member of other trade-related professional associations.
- Enhance the professional Chef Image in the community by involvement with local charities, schools, businesses and other community organizations.
- Enhance the professional Chef Image in the workplace and community through the practice of inclusion and diversity.
- Provide an example of how they overcame challenges brought forward by changing business environments.
- Candidates cannot be in consideration for any other regional or national award from ACF.

NOTE: Past regional winners may reapply after five (5) years. Past national winners cannot reapply. Nominees appearing on a ballot must wait one (1) year between nominations

NOTE: You may only submit one (1) National Awards Application per year.

Please submit all required materials listed below:

- A completed application
- A professional resume, not to exceed two (2) pages
- A biography of the candidate, not to exceed two (2) pages
- A complete list of activities that include supporting documentation for each item within the candidate eligibility requirements, not to exceed ten (10) pages
- Letter of Recommendation from an active/current ACF member
- Submit one 5"×7" photo taken within the last year, (in color) which shows applicant in white toque and white chef's coat or business attire.



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- Submit all completed applications to administration@acfchefs.org
- Incomplete applications will not be considered

Selection Process:

Regional Selection:

- All nominees will be submitted to the ACF National Office.
- All of the Chef Nominees will vie for the regional award in each of the four (4) designated regions.
- All nominees will be presented to a panel of previous regional award winners of each of their respective regions.
- Each regional panel will choose their region's winner based on who best exemplifies the spirit of the award.

National Selection:

- The four (4) regional winners will vie for the national award.
- Ballots will be sent to all members in good standing electronically from the national office and must be returned by the posted deadline
- Each member in good standing will have one (1) vote.
- The ballots will be counted, and the results kept confidential until the ACF National Convention.
- In the case of a tie, the ACF National President's ballot will be counted to break the tie.

NOTE: Schedule conflicts will not be accommodated, and incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Winner Notification:

To ensure confidentiality of the award, winners will not be notified of their standing until the award presentation at the ACF National Convention. Attendance is required.



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NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

ACF Member Number: _____ Certifications: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

NOMINEE'S INFORMATION:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

ACF Member Number: _____ Certifications: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Chapter Name: _____ Chapter ID: _____

Joined ACF in: _____ Dues paid through: _____

Professional development of qualified young culinarians:

Activities Performed: _____

_____ Date: _____



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Activities Performed: _____

_____ Date: _____

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_____ Date: _____

Continuing Education:

Location: _____

Topic: _____ Date: _____

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Topic: _____ Date: _____

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Topic: _____ Date: _____

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Trade Related Associations:

Name of Organization: _____

Date Joined: _____

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Name of Organization: _____

Date Joined: _____

Community Involvement:

Name of Organization: _____

Name of Contact: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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Activities Performed: _____

I hereby certify that the information I have provided to The American Culinary Federation is correct. Furthermore, I grant permission the ACF and its subsidiaries to use the information in this nomination form in print and electronically for promotional purposes, which may include video and/or photography. I understand that I will not be compensated and that I may not be notified for each use. All decisions that are made by the ACF National President are final and not subject to appeal.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____