



# American Culinary Federation Hermann G. Rusch Chef's Achievement Award Application Updated August 14, 2025

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**Application Deadline:** January 31, 2026

## Overview:

The Hermann G Rusch Chef's Achievement Award honors chefs who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to both ACF and the culinary profession. Such chefs, through their involvement with and contributions to ACF and our craft, have advanced the culinary profession and ensured the enrichment of students, our members and those in our profession.

## Eligibility:

- Be an ACF member in good standing consistently for at least fifteen (15) years.
- Currently hold or have held an elected local chapter office in one (1) of the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer, or served as chair for chapter membership or as Chapter Certification Chairman. Documentation required.
- Hold or have held the position or positions of executive chef, working chef, chef instructor, pastry chef, research and development chef or corporate chef for at least thirty (30) years.
- Hold or have held Certified Sous Chef or Certified Working Pastry Chef level or higher.
- Have not applied for any other regional or national award in the current year.

**NOTE:** Past regional winners may reapply after five (5) years. Past national winners cannot reapply. Nominees may apply annually.

**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
- A brief three hundred (300) words or less bio of the nominee
- A complete list of activities that include supporting documentation for each item within the candidate's eligibility requirements.
- A letter of recommendation from an active/current chapter member
- Submit one 5"x7" photo taken within the last year, (in color) which shows applicant in white toque and white chef's coat or business attire.
- Submit all completed applications to [administration@acfchefs.org](mailto:administration@acfchefs.org)
- Incomplete applications will not be considered

## Selection Process:

- Regional winners are selected by Previous (5) Winners from that region.
- National winners are selected by the ACF Compliant Chapter Presidents through electronic voting.
- All decisions are final and not subject to appeal.



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## **Winner Notification:**

To ensure confidentiality of the award, winners will not be notified of their standing until the award presentation during the ACF National Convention . Winners must be present to win.



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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: \_\_\_\_\_

### Elected Chapter Office:

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_