



American Culinary Federation

L. Edwin Brown Leadership Award Application

Updated August 19, 2024

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Application Deadline: January 31, 2026

Overview:

The award recognizes an emerging leader within the industry who exemplifies true service leadership. The nominee should be a person who has a positive impact within the profession. An individual who by their example serves as a stellar ambassador for the ACF and the culinary profession.

Eligibility:

- Must be a current member in good standing of the ACF.
- Must be an active member of the ACF for a minimum of two (2) years.
- Have three (3) years or less in our industry
- Certifications are not required. However, if applicants have earned certifications, they cannot exceed CSC, CC or CPC or comparable job title equivalent.
- Nominators cannot nominate more than one (1) candidate.
- National Winners cannot reapply.

Please submit all required materials listed below:

- A completed application
- A professional resume
- A brief three hundred (300) words or less bio of the candidate
- Must include at least two (2) letters of recommendation
 - One (1) from an ACF member in good standing.
 - One (1) from a professional colleague that currently holds a leadership position within the field.
- A high resolution, digital, color photograph of candidate in a white chef coat (minimum 300 dpi, .tif or .jpeg format, minimum 1200x1600 pixels)
- An essay from the nominee including:
 - A detailed explanation of
 - ACF activities that you have participated in.
 - The types of community outreach you are involved in regarding the advancement of the profession for the betterment of people in foodservice.
 - How you advocate for the ACF through integrity, leadership, volunteerism, and supporting the community.
 - Explain what cultural diversity means to you.
- Submit all completed applications to administration@acfchefs.org
- Incomplete applications will not be considered



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Selection Process:

- The winner will be selected by a predetermined matrix.
- All decisions made by the Selection Panel are final and not subject to appeal.

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 .



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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: _____

I hereby certify that the information I have provided to The American Culinary Federation is correct. Furthermore, I grant permission for 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: _____