



# American Culinary Federation Lifetime Achievement Award Updated August 14, 2025

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**Application Deadline:** January 31, 2026

## **Overview:**

The Lifetime Achievement Award is considered the most prestigious and regarded honor given by the President of The American Culinary Federation. It is presented in recognition to the "best of our best." This individual exemplifies the ACF fundamental principles, including superior strength of character and continued contributions to ACF and/or the culinary industry as a whole.

## **Eligibility:**

- Nominees are only eligible to receive one (1) Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Must be an ACF member for over thirty (30) years in good standing.
- Must be an AAC Fellow
- Must be certified at the CEC, CEPC, CMC, or CMPC level
- Must have held a national committee, national task force, local or national board position

## **Please submit all required materials listed below:**

- A completed application.
- A brief three hundred (300) words or less bio of the nominee
- A three hundred (300) word essay stating the reasons the nominee deserves the recognition of the Lifetime Achievement Award.
- 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.
- Submit all completed applications to [administration@acfchefs.org](mailto:administration@acfchefs.org)
- Incomplete applications will not be considered

## **Selection Process:**

May only be nominated for consideration by a current member of the ACF Board of Director, ACF Board of Governors or the ACF Executive Director. The final selection is by the current ACF National President

All decisions made by the ACF National President 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_