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Scholarship Application

Current post-secondary students/ ACFEF-registered apprentices

AAC Balestreri/Cutino Scholarship Fund
AAC Chaîne des Rôtisseurs Scholarship Fund
Ray & Gertrude Marshall Scholarship Fund

Eligibility Requirements

The American Culinary Federation Education Foundation, with the support of the American Academy of Chefs, will award a limited number of scholarships annually, based on the availability of institutional and private funds. To be considered by the scholarship committee, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Be an exemplary student. Have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher.
- Be currently enrolled in an accredited, post-secondary college, with a major in either culinary or pastry arts, or be an ACFEF registered apprentice.
- Have completed a grading or marking period (trimester, semester or quarter).
- Have a career goal of becoming a chef or pastry chef.

Application Procedures

Applicants will be evaluated on a 100 point scale dependent on the criteria listed below. Only completed and signed application will be reviewed by the scholarship selection committee. **Verification for each section must be provided.**

Academic Grade Point Average

(Total of 30 possible points)

The following points are earned based on the applicants cumulative GPA. Sealed official transcript showing current GPA must be submitted for verification. No duplicate copies will be accepted.

Cumulative GPA 2.5 – 2.59 = +2 points
Cumulative GPA 2.6 – 2.79 = +5 points
Cumulative GPA 2.8 – 2.99 = +10 points
Cumulative GPA 3.0 – 3.29 = +15 points
Cumulative GPA 3.3 – 3.59 = +20 points
Cumulative GPA 3.6 – 3.89 = +25 points
Cumulative GPA 3.9 – 4.0 = +30 points

Participation in Culinary Competitions

(Total of 20 possible points)

Points may be earned for competing in a culinary or pastry competition at a local, regional, or national level. Acceptable competitions include ACF sanctioned competitions, Skills USA, ProStart competitions or the ACFEF knowledge bowl. Only one competition may be submitted per scholarship application. For verification please submit competitor's letter or letter of participation from team coach. Verification letters should include name, date and location of competition. Competition must have been held within the last 12 months.

Participated as competitor = +5 points
Earned Bronze medal = +10 points
Earned Silver medal = +15 points
Earned Gold medal = +20 points

Volunteer for School and Industry Activities

(Total of 10 possible points)

Points may be earned for culinary volunteer involvement for school and industry related activities. Examples include community charity events, food pantry, cooking for disaster relief, volunteering for a culinary club, cooking at a homeless shelter, or working at a charity dinner. Points vary depending on the number of activities attended or worked in the last

12 months with a 3 event maximum. Letter verifying volunteer service must be submitted as proof.

1 activity submitted = 3 points
2 activities submitted = 7 points
3 activities submitted = 10 points

American Culinary Federation Involvement

(Total of 10 possible points)

Points may be earned for involvement in ACF related activities including attending local chapter meetings, volunteering for chapter events, working on an ACF committee, or attending an ACF national or regional event. Points vary depending on the number of ACF events attended in the last 12 months with a 3 event maximum. Submit for verification a letter from a chapter representative or letter of attendance.

1 event/activity submitted = 3 points
2 event/activities submitted = 7 points
3 event/activities submitted = 10 points

Required Essay

(Total of 25 possible points)

Complete each essay question listed on page 5 of this application. Each question is worth a possible 5 points for a total of 25. Answers must be a minimum of 50 words per question. Only typed response will be considered.

Letters of reference

(Total of 5 possible points)

Submit two letters of recommendation from industry, culinary professional and/or culinary educators. Family members are ineligible. Late references will not be considered.

Selection Process

Selection will be based by points on student's overall academic progress, financial need, extracurricular activities, participation in culinary activities, competitions and answers to essay questions.

Notice of Awards

Students will be notified by mail of any scholarship award or denial.

Renewal of Scholarship

Scholarships are not automatically renewed for candidates. Candidates are encouraged to reapply if scholarship funds are needed in future years.

Revocation of Aid

The ACF reserves the right to cancel any scholarship at any time if the applicant fails to meet the standards of academic progress, any other scholarship requirements, or falsifies information reported.

Scholarship Deadline

Send the following items, postmarked no later than May 1st or September 1st to :

ACFEF Scholarships
180 Center Place Way
St. Augustine, FL 32095
educate@acfcchefs.net

Scholarship Application

▪ **Section 1:**
Personal Information

Application Date: _____
Last name: _____
First name: _____ MI: _____
Mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home phone: (_____) _____ Cell phone: (_____) _____
E-mail: _____
ACF membership number: _____ Not a member

▪ **Section 2:**
Current Education
(Educational Institution
for which this
scholarship would
be used)

Educational Institution: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Date of Enrollment: _____
Cumulative GPA: _____
Degree Pursued: _____
Anticipated Graduation date: _____

▪ **Section 3:**
Industry Experience
(include current and
previous employment
and apprenticeship
opportunities)

Employer	Position/Title	Supervisor	Email
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

I hereby certify that the information I have submitted is correct. I authorize the release of this information to the ACFEF scholarship committee and will provide additional information or verification upon request.

If awarded the scholarship, I grant permission to the American Culinary Federation and its subsidiaries, to use the information included in this scholarship application for distribution in both printed and digital matter. I understand that I will not be compensated and that I may not be notified of each use.

Applicant Signature

Date

▪ Academic Grade Point Average

Cumulative GPA: _____

Official transcript included:

Official transcript sent separately:

Official transcript not included:

▪ Participation in culinary competitions within the last 12 months (verification must be included)

Participated as a competitor:

Earned a bronze medal:

Earned a silver medal:

Earned a gold medal:

▪ Volunteer for schools and industry activities within the last 12 months (verification must be included)

Activity: _____ Date: _____

Activity: _____ Date: _____

Activity: _____ Date: _____

▪ American Culinary Federation involvement within last 12 months (verification must be included)

Event/activity: _____ Date: _____

Event/activity: _____ Date: _____

Event/activity: _____ Date: _____

▪ **Question 1:**

Describe your leadership qualities and provide an example of how you have utilized them in a culinary work environment.

▪ **Question 2:**

What do you hope to contribute to the culinary industry?

▪ **Question 3:**

Describe the importance and benefits of becoming a member of a professional organization?

▪ **Question 4:**

Describe how important community service is to you?

▪ **Question 5:**

Are you planning on furthering your education after graduation, if yes, how?

Financial Aid Release Form

to be completed by school student that will be attending

Student name: _____ Student I.D. number: _____

I authorize _____
Name of Educational Institution

to release any and all of my financial records to: ACFEF Scholarships
180 Center Place Way
St. Augustine, FL 32095

for use in determining my eligibility for an ACFEF scholarship. I understand that I will be responsible for any cost associated with sending this information. In addition, I understand that I will be responsible for the submission of this completed form prior to the appropriate preview date.

Applicant Signature

Date

Educational Institution Information

Please request that your financial aid office supply the following information and attached this completed form to your scholarship application.

Estimated cost per _____ Estimated cost per _____
(period) (period)

\$ _____ Tuition and fees	\$ _____ PELL
\$ _____ Books and supplies	\$ _____ Stafford
\$ _____ Food	\$ _____ School-based
\$ _____ Transportation	\$ _____ PLUS/SLS
\$ _____ Miscellaneous	\$ _____ Family contribution
\$ _____ Personal	\$ _____ Student contribution
\$ _____ Housing	\$ _____ Other — please list
\$ _____ Total	\$ _____ Total

FAO Signature (_____)
FAO Phone

FAO Printed / Typed Name

Forms to be returned to: ACFEF Scholarships
180 Center Place Way
St. Augustine, FL 32095
Fax: (904) 825-4758

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MEMBER BENEFITS

Feed your passion for food through membership in the premier culinary organization and the only organization that promotes the professional image of American chefs worldwide through education of culinarians at all levels.

Enjoy the benefits of membership...

Join a powerful network of top chefs, industry pros and executives across the U.S. – a priceless resource for your career development and job opportunities.

Stay on top of the latest culinary trends and techniques with our award-winning digital magazine, *The National Culinary Review*.

Connect with the next generation of culinary leaders through our digital magazine, *Sizzle: The American Culinary Federation Quarterly for Students of Cooking*, with career profiles and interviews with industry leaders.

Receive up-to-date ACF news in *The Culinary Insider*, our official bi-weekly e-newsletter.

Get involved in one of 200+ local chapters. Participate in monthly meetings, access local culinary education events and expand your circle of colleagues.

Propel your career through certification and maintain your competitive edge in today's evolving culinary industry.

Access ACF's online Career Center. Post jobs, find resumes and apply for open positions across the nation.

Compete and raise the standard of your culinary excellence by participating in local, regional and national ACF-sanctioned competitions.

Enjoy discounts from our Members Advantage Program partners on products and services designed for you.

Our Members Advantage Program

Members-only savings, include:

- **Avis** Car rental savings of up to 20%
- **Budget Car Rental** Up to 25% off Budget's already great rates
- **iCan Benefit Group** Save big on health insurance products
- **Motel 6** Savings of 10% at any of 1,100+ locations
- **Nationwide Insurance** Special discounts on automobile, home and power sports
- **Office Depot** Up to 80% off preferred products
- **Red Roof Inn** Discount of 15% on stays at all locations
- **Veterinary Pet Insurance** Special 5% discount on healthcare coverage for your pet
- **Wyndham Hotels** 20% off the "Best Available Rate" at nearly 7,000 hotels

Visit the **Members Advantage Program** page at

www.acfchefs.org/membership



Big Savings!

- Up to \$150 savings on certification and practical test fees
- Up to \$400 savings on registration fees at ACF regional and national conferences
- 15% savings at ACF's online store
- 10–50% savings on products and services from our Members Advantage Program participants
- Savings on conferences and trade shows from culinary industry partners
- Complimentary term life insurance for qualifying members

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