



American Culinary Federation  
Education Foundation



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## American Culinary Federation Education Foundation American Academy of Chefs®

### High School Student Scholarship Application

Linda Cullen Memorial Scholarship Fund  
AAC Andrew Macrina 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 Selection Committee, an application must meet the following requirements:

- Be an exemplary student. Have or maintain a cumulative unweighted GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Be a high school senior eligible to graduate the same year as the scholarship application date.
- Be currently accepted to an accredited, postsecondary college, with a major in either culinary or pastry arts, or be an ACFEF registered apprentice.
- Have a career goal of becoming a chef or pastry chef.

## Application Procedures

Applicants will be evaluated on a 100-point scale. **Only completed and signed applications will be reviewed** by the Scholarship Selection Committee. A completed application consists of responses to all six criteria listed below:

### 1. Academic Grade Point Average

(Total of 30 possible points)

The following points are earned based on applicants cumulative unweighted 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

### 2. 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, ACFEF Knowledge Bowl. Only one competition may be submitted per scholarship application. For verification please submit competitor's application. For verification, please submit competitor's letter or letter of participation from team coach. Verification letters should include name, dates 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

### 3. 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

### 4. 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 **three event maximum**. Submit for verification a letter from a chapter representative, letter of attendance or certificate where applicable.

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

### 5. Required Essay

(Total of 25 possible points)

Complete each essay question listed on page 6 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 responses will be considered.**

### 6. Letters of reference

(Total of 5 possible points)

Submit two letters of recommendation from industry, culinary professionals 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, and participation in culinary activities, competitions and answers to essay questions.

## Notice of Awards

Student will be notified by email of any scholarship award or denial 30 business days after deadline.

## 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 ACFEF 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 March 31st to:

The American Academy of Chefs  
ACFEF Scholarships  
180 Center Place Way  
St. Augustine, FL 32095  
[educate@acfchefs.net](mailto:educate@acfchefs.net)

## ACFEF Scholarship Checklist for future post-secondary students

Do you have an unweighted GPA of 2.5 or higher?

Are you currently accepted in an accredited, postsecondary college, with a major in either culinary or pastry arts, or an ACFEF registered apprentice?

Do you have a career goal of becoming a chef or pastry chef?

Have you participated in at least one culinary or pastry competition in the last 12 months? (i.e. ACF sanctioned competitions, Skills USA, ProStart competitions, ACFEF knowledge bowl)

Do you have a letter verifying your participation from your team coach or a competitor's letter as proof of your involvement in the culinary competition?

Have you volunteered for a culinary involved school and/or industry related activity in the last 12 months?

Do you have a letter verifying proof of your volunteer services?

In the last 12 months, have you had involvement in ACF related activities? (i.e. local ACF chapter meetings, volunteering for ACF chapter events, attending an ACF national or regional event)

Do you have a letter verifying your involvement from a chapter representative or a letter of attendance?

Have you completed each essay question on page six, with a minimum of 50 words per question?

Are your answers to the essay questions on page six typed? (Only typed responses will be considered.)

Do you have two letters of recommendation from industry, culinary professional and/or culinary educators?

Please note, that this is just a guide to help you ensure completeness of your scholarship application. Please read the Eligibility Requirements and Application Procedures page for complete instructions; Selection Process, Notice of Awards, Revocation of Aid and Scholarship Deadline.

**Only completed and signed applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Verification for each section must be provided.**

## Personal Information

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ACF #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## High School Information

High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Educational Institution For Which This Scholarship Will Be Used

Educational Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree Pursued: \_\_\_\_\_  
Financial Aid Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 school 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:**

How are you planning on furthering your education after graduation?

**Financial Aid Release Form** (to be completed by school student that will be attending)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID 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 attach this completed form to your scholarship application.

Estimated Cost Per Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Cost Per 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 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ FAO Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

FAO Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Forms to be returned to:

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