



ACF Central Florida

Chef of the Year

Nomination Guidelines

Award Objective:

Recognize an outstanding Chef, Pastry Chef or Chef Educator who has worked and cooked in a foodservice facility or school within the past three years. This person has demonstrated the highest standard of culinary skills and community culinary support.

- Nominator must submit a written explanation on the nomination form including their specific reasons that they are nominating the candidate.
- The election of the Chef of the Year will be conducted by the Elections Committee Chairperson. A committee of (3) past recipients of the Chef of the Year will be appointed to review and ensure the nominees are qualified to receive the award. The committee will review and select the top four candidates by merit to be placed on the ballot.
- If no nominations are submitted the Chairperson by the **November chapter meeting**, the election committee will establish the top three membership candidates by a point award system review of the current ACF Central Florida Chapter membership list from the national office.
- An ACF Central Florida Chapter member can be nominated again after (3) years from the last year awarded from the chapter.

Candidate Eligibility:

- Must be an ACF Central Florida Chapter member in good standing for at least three (3) years.
- Should be certified CSC or higher, or be in the process of attaining certification.
- Must attend at least 80% of events or meet ups during the calendar year, (attendance to be certified by the Chapter Secretary).
- Must participate or contribute time to at least 2 Chapter sponsored community events: Cattleman's Ball, Taste of Central Florida, Give Kids the World Christmas Party, FRLA Culinary Competition, or any new events added to the calendar in the future.
- If a member has received the award in the past, they may be nominated again after a 5 year waiting period. Any one re-nominated, must still meet criteria numbers 1-4 for the nominated year.
- Current President is not eligible while in office.

Award:

A Chef of the Year Plaque from the Chapter

A nameplate will be added to the chapter plaque of previous winners.

A Continuing Education Gift Certificate (\$500) *

** Payable to the educational institution for an education course or American Culinary Federation for a Regional or National Conference. Good for two years from the year awarded.*