I'M MORE THAN A CHEF...
I AM AN ACF CHEF.
To run a successful kitchen, it is vital to build a cohesive service culture supported by an engaged and well-trained team. That’s why I encourage all my chefs to become American Culinary Federation (ACF) members. It opens doors.

Brian Beland, CMC®
Executive Chef, Director of Food and Beverage, Country Club of Detroit

(pictured on cover)

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Be That Chef...
AND JOIN A POWERFUL U.S. NETWORK OF CHEFS

Every day, in hotels, clubs, health care facilities, universities and restaurants across America, you play a vital role – delivering high-quality foods that people feel confident about eating and providing to their families.

You’re part of a special group of skilled professionals. That’s why we invite you to join our network of top chefs, industry pros, executives and advocates at the American Culinary Federation (ACF).

Who Are We?
ACF is the largest professional chef’s organization in North America – with more than 20,000 members who belong to more than 200 chapters across the United States and its territories.

What Do We Do?
We help you grow: ACF is the culinary leader in offering educational resources, mentorship and training designed to enhance professional growth for current and future chefs.

We are your voice: We promote the professional image of American chefs worldwide through competitions, education and professional development at all levels.

We connect you: With more than 20,000 members strong all across the country, you will have access to the right mix of peers, employers and vendors to help keep your network strong and relevant.

ACF membership builds your contacts, helps you work better and smarter, and fast-tracks your career.
Benefits to Membership
Whether you’re a professional chef or in your first job… an apprentice or a student… ACF membership is a key way to establish yourself as a culinary professional and puts you on an inside track to grow within the food industry. Take advantage of our mentorship initiatives, student scholarships and grant opportunities for professional working chefs looking to further their careers.

With ACF, you…

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

- Stay on top of culinary trends and trendsetters with ACF’s award-winning digital magazines, including The National Culinary Review and Sizzle: The American Culinary Federation Quarterly Magazine for Students, biweekly newsletter The Culinary Insider and educational workshops across the country.

- Have an ACF home base in your backyard through ACF’s 200+ chapters where you can participate in monthly meetings, access local culinary education events and network with top food-industry pros in your area.

- Gain reduced member pricing on ACF certification, conferences and conventions, and specially designed member benefits.

- Be a voice in the culinary industry in its fight against childhood hunger, malnutrition and obesity as part of ACF’s alliance with Feed the Planet, Chefs Move to Schools, and the Chef & Child Foundation. ACF members help educate children and families in understanding proper nutrition through community-based initiatives.

Additional membership perks:

- Savings on admission to the ACF National Convention, as well as other conferences and trade shows from our culinary-industry partners
- Discounts on certification and practical test fees
- Term life insurance offered to members in good standing
- Savings at ACF’s online store

Our Members Advantage Program
ACF is proud to offer our Members Advantage Program, featuring established partnerships with the following organizations to offer you valuable discounts on products and services. Join today, Be That Chef!, and then log in as a member on the ACF website, www.acfchefs.org, to access your benefits, which currently include:

- Alamo Car Rental: Unlimited mileage and year round discounts for ACF Members
- Our Career Center offers significant ACF discounts for members posting resume and jobs along with state-of-the-art job seeking and recruitment tools.
- Avis Rent A Car: Save up to 20% off your next car rental.
- Budget Car Rental: Up to 25% off Budget’s already great rates.
- Hertz Car Rental offers an ACF discount code and a key to savings.
- GE Store: An exclusive, online shopping site where ACF members can purchase high-quality appliances directly from GE and find great deals plus special online promotions.
- Motel 6 provides ACF members with a 10% discount at any of their 1,100+ pet-friendly Motel 6 locations in the U.S. and Canada.
- iCan: ACF members can save BIG on health insurance with our insurance partners at iCan.
- Nationwide Insurance provides ACF members with special discounts on automobile, home, and power sports.
- T-Mobile offers ACF members a great value in wireless plus a bonus of unlimited talk, text, and web, with no annual contract and no overages.
- Veterinary Pet Insurance: ACF members receive a special 5% discount on pet insurance.

New benefits are added regularly, so check the ACF website for the most up-to-date list. Benefit programs subject to change.
Types of Membership

At ACF, we are not a one-size-fits-all organization. We want to customize a membership plan that is right for you, taking into account your studies and work experience. That’s why we have several membership options:

**Professional Culinarian:** A professional/chef with three or more years of full-time employment in the culinary profession.

**Culinary:** The new professional, someone with a minimum of six months full-time employment who is pursuing on-the-job training and building a résumé to take on more responsibility.

**Student Culinarian:** A registered apprentice or a student in a postsecondary culinary education program with less than two years of full-time employment.

**Junior Culinarian:** A high school student between the ages of 16 and 18.

**Associate membership:** Representatives of groups, corporations or companies that provide products or services to the culinary profession.

**Allied membership:** Those in professions related to the culinary profession, such as nutritionist, dietician, bartender, waiter, restaurant manager or owner.

**Culinary Enthusiast:** Someone who has a passion for the culinary arts. Home cooks to gourmets are welcome at this level.

**Property membership:** Provides companies or educational institutions the opportunity to purchase ACF memberships for professional culinarians at a reduced rate.

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I play a huge role in the morale of the troops, crafting dishes to help them perform their best. Competing to be the Armed Forces Chef of the Year was challenging, but my real competition is cooking for the men and women serving our nation. ACF gives me a competitive edge, whether on a battlefield or in a submarine.

Derrick Davenport, CEC®, CEPC®
Senior Chief Culinary Specialist, U.S. Navy

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TAKE YOUR CAREER TO THE NEXT LEVEL

In the competitive culinary industry, ACF helps you stand out, and provides employers with tangible evidence of your talent, dedication and creativity. Educational opportunities, professional advancement, culinary competitions and awards will showcase your skills as a professional chef and enhance your career opportunities.

ACF membership has never been easier, or more affordable…

For more information, or to apply for membership:
visit acfchefs.org/ACF/Membership, call 800.624.9458,
or email membership@acfchefs.net

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Set yourself apart!