

Pastry Chef of the Year

Award Objective: To recognize an outstanding Pastry Chef who has displayed a passion for the craft, has an accomplished reputation in the pastry field and has given back to the profession by sharing their skills and knowledge. Revised February 2017

Chapter Pastry Chef of the Year

1. Be an **ACF/TCA Professional Culinarian** member in good standing. They must conduct themselves in a professional culinary manner as outlined in the ACF Culinarian Code.
2. Be a United States citizen or have a permanent resident green card.
3. Must be an-Executive Pastry Chef, Pastry Chef or assistant Pastry Chef in a commercial, full service operation over seeing a pastry staff for a minimum of 3 years.
4. Have a minimum of five (5) years full-time employment in the culinary industry;
5. Elected by chapter with a voting (TCA/ACF Professional, Culinarian & Ret) quorum present.
6. Only (1) candidate per chapter, per year.
7. Once a nominee wins the chapter award, three (3) years must lapse (within a chapter) before being eligible to be nominated as Chapter Pastry Chef of the Year again.
8. The recipient will receive a plaque from the chapter and will be eligible for State Pastry Chef of the Year providing they meet the criteria for the State award.

TCA State Pastry Chef of the Year

1. Candidate must have won their local chapter Pastry Chef of the Year within the last 5 years.
2. Must be an **ACF/TCA Professional Culinarian** member in good standing with ACF/TCA for a minimum of 3 years. They must conduct themselves in a professional manner as outlined in the ACF Culinarian Code.
3. Consideration should be given to candidates who have contributed at the state level as well as their local chapter.
4. Candidates must be a United States citizen or have a permanent resident green card.
5. Candidate must hold the position of Executive Pastry Chef or Pastry Chef in a commercial, full service operation over seeing a pastry staff for a minimum of 3 years. (*Assistant Pastry Chef Candidates may win their chapter award but will not be considered for the state award.*)
6. Candidate must be committed to attend the State Convention and complete the application for State Pastry Chef of the Year. The application must be submitted to the state office no later than June 15. The applications will be voted on in the summer board meeting during the State Convention.
7. State Pastry Chef of the Year election will be done by the chapter Directors (secret ballot) at the Summer Board Meeting during the State Convention. Results will be tabulated by a panel, selected by the TCA President. They will give the results in a sealed envelope, (during the President's Ball), to the TCA President for announcement of the newly elected State Pastry Chef of the Year. In the event of a tie, the President will cast the deciding vote. The new State Pastry Chef of the Year will then take possession of the traveling Pastry Chef of the Year trophy for 12 months and will return it in good condition to the following convention. TCA will retain permanent ownership of the trophy. In the event of a tie, the President will cast the deciding vote.
8. The winner of State Pastry Chef of the Year will be the TCA candidate for ACF Central Region Pastry Chef of Year for that year and may move forward with the regional application process. If the current winner is not interested in pursuing the ACF Regional Award, the state board will vote on an alternate candidate. Priority should be given to a past state winner who meets the ACF criteria.
10. Past winners of the State Pastry Chef of the Year, are no longer eligible to win the state award.

ACF Regional/National Pastry Chef of the Year – Refer to the ACF web site for current guidelines