



Nestlé Professional Young Chef Scholarship

Scholarship Terms & Conditions

I. General Overview

- 1.1. The Nestlé Professional Young Chef Scholarships are administered by the Australian Culinary Federation (ACF) in partnership with Nestlé Professional.
- 1.2. These scholarships aim to support young chefs under the age of 25 by providing financial assistance, mentorship, and professional recognition.
- 1.3. Two scholarships are available: Merit-Based Scholarship – Awarded based on skills, innovation, and achievements in the food industry. Equity Scholarship – Awarded to an applicant facing financial, social, or personal barriers to their career progression.

2. Eligibility Criteria

- 2.1. Applicants must: Be under the age of 25 as of December 31st, 2025. Be currently working or studying in the foodservice industry in Australia. Be an Australian resident or citizen. Be a current member of the Australian Culinary Federation (ACF) or agree to become a member upon selection. Submit a completed application form with supporting documents before the deadline.
- 2.2. Additional eligibility for the Equity Scholarship: Applicants must provide a personal statement outlining their financial, social, or personal challenges and how the scholarship will support their career.

3. Application Process

- 3.1. Applications must be submitted online via the Australian Culinary Federation website.
- 3.2. All applicants must complete the official application form and provide the required supporting documents.



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- 3.1. Applications must be submitted online via the Australian Culinary Federation website.
- 3.2. All applicants must complete the official application form and provide the required supporting documents.
- 3.3. The application period runs from February 2026 to March 2026. Late submissions will not be considered.
- 3.4. Applications must be truthful and accurate. Any false or misleading information may result in disqualification.

4. Selection Process

- 4.1. A selection panel consisting of representatives from Nestlé Professional, the Australian Culinary Federation, and industry professionals will assess applications.
- 4.2. Selection is a two-step process:
 - Step 1: Online Application Review – Shortlisting based on written responses and supporting documents.
 - Step 2: Interview – Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview from March 30, April 1, 2 and 3rd, 2026
- 4.3. The panel will evaluate candidates based on:
 - Passion and commitment to the food industry.
 - Demonstrated skills, innovation, and leadership (Merit-Based Scholarship).
 - Overcoming challenges and career aspirations (Equity Scholarship).
 - Future career goals and how the scholarship will assist in development.
- 4.4. The panel's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the outcome.



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5. Scholarship Award & Conditions

5.1. Each successful recipient will receive \$4,000, which may be used for:

- Training and education expenses.
- Equipment or tools to support career development.
- Professional development or competition costs.

5.2. The scholarship is not transferable, exchangeable

5.3. Recipients must be willing to work with the ACF and Nestlé Professional to participate in media opportunities, promotional materials, and industry events related to the scholarship.

6. Announcement of Winners

6.1. I agree that the Nestlé Professional Young Chef Scholarship recipients will be personally notified by phone on April 13, followed by public announcement via ACF and Nestlé Professional socials and comms.

6.2. Winners will also be notified by email.

7. Privacy & Data Use

7.1. Personal information provided by applicants will be used solely for the purpose of assessing and administering the scholarship.

7.2. Applicant data will be stored securely and not shared with third parties outside of the selection panel.

7.3. By applying, applicants consent to the use of their name and image for media and promotional activities related to the scholarship.

7.4 The winner of the scholarship(s) gives permission for their application materials to be used for media and promotional purposes.



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8. Withdrawal or Forfeiture

- 8.1. If a recipient is found to have provided false information or fails to comply with the scholarship conditions, the ACF reserves the right to withdraw the award.
- 8.2. If a recipient is unable to use the scholarship funds for an eligible purpose, the ACF reserves the right to reallocate the funds.

9. Amendments & Final Authority

- 9.1. The Australian Culinary Federation reserves the right to modify or update these terms and conditions at any time.
- 9.2. Any disputes regarding the scholarship will be handled at the discretion of the Australian Culinary Federation and Nestlé Professional, and their decision is final.

10. Contact Information

For further inquiries about the Nestlé Professional Young Chef Scholarships, please contact:

Australian Culinary Federation

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Cookers Experienced Chef Scholarship

Scholarship Terms & Conditions

1. General Overview

1.1. The Cookers Experienced Chef Scholarship is administered by the Australian Culinary Federation (ACF) in partnership with Cookers.

1.2. This scholarship aims to support experienced chefs (26+ years) by providing financial assistance, mentorship, and professional development opportunities.

1.3. One scholarship is available, valued at \$5,000 (+GST), and it can be used to support career development in leadership, training, business development, or industry education.

2. Eligibility Criteria

2.1. Applicants must:

- Be 26 years or older at the time of application.
- Have a minimum of five years of professional experience in a commercial kitchen.
- Be currently working in the Australian foodservice industry (e.g., restaurants, catering, hotels, institutional kitchens, etc.).
- Be an Australian resident or citizen.
- Be a current member of the Australian Culinary Federation (ACF) or agree to become a member upon selection.
- Submit a completed application form with all required supporting documents by the application deadline.

2.2. Additional eligibility for the scholarship:

Applicants must provide a clear plan for how the scholarship funds will be used to further their professional development, career goals, or leadership training.

3. Application Process

3.1. Applications must be submitted online via the Australian Culinary Federation website.

3.2. All applicants must complete the official application form and provide the following supporting documents:

- Current CV outlining professional experience.
- A personal statement detailing career goals, plans for using the scholarship funds, and how the scholarship aligns with their professional development.
- Additional documents (e.g., references, awards, or qualifications) that support the application.