

2027 Nestlé Professional Young Chef Scholarships

Scholarship Terms and Conditions

1. General overview

1.1 The 2027 Nestlé Professional Young Chef Scholarships (the Scholarships) are administered by the Australian Culinary Federation (ACF) in partnership with Nestlé Professional.

1.2 The Scholarships support young chefs under the age of 25 through financial assistance and professional recognition.

1.3 Two scholarships are available:

- **Merit Scholarship:** awarded for skill, commitment, innovation and achievement in the foodservice industry.
- **Equity Scholarship:** awarded to an applicant facing financial, social or personal barriers to progressing their career.

1.4 By submitting an application, applicants agree to these Terms and Conditions.

2. Eligibility

2.1 To be eligible, applicants must:

- be under 25 years of age as at 31 December 2027 (born on or after 1 January 2003)
- be currently working or studying in the foodservice industry in Australia
- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- be a current ACF member, or agree to become a member if selected
- be available for an online interview between Monday 15 and Tuesday 23 February 2027
- submit a completed application, including all supporting documents, by the closing date.

2.2 Equity Scholarship applicants must also provide a personal statement outlining the financial, social or personal barriers they face and how the scholarship will support their career.

2.3 Applicants may apply for both scholarships but can be awarded only one.

2.4 Previous recipients of a Nestlé Professional Young Chef Scholarship are not eligible.

2.5 Employees of the ACF and Nestlé Professional, members of the selection panel, and their immediate families are not eligible.

2.6 The ACF may ask any applicant for proof of age, citizenship or residency, and current employment or study. A scholarship will not be paid until this is provided.

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3. Application process

3.1 Applications must be submitted online via the ACF website at www.austculinary.com.au.

3.2 Applicants must complete the official application form and provide the required supporting documents, including a CV, references and a portfolio of work.

3.3 Applications open Monday 16 November 2026 and close Friday 5 February 2027 at 11:59pm AEDT. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

3.4 Applications must be truthful and accurate. False or misleading information will result in disqualification, including after a scholarship has been awarded.

3.5 The ACF is not responsible for applications that are lost, delayed or incomplete because of technical problems.

4. Selection process

4.1 Applications will be assessed by a selection panel of representatives from the ACF, Nestlé Professional and the foodservice industry.

4.2 Selection is a two step process:

- **Step 1, application review:** the panel shortlists applicants based on their written responses and supporting documents. All applicants will be told by email whether they have been shortlisted by Wednesday 10 February 2027.
- **Step 2, interview:** shortlisted applicants will be interviewed online between Monday 15 and Tuesday 23 February 2027.

4.3 The panel will assess applicants on:

- passion for and commitment to the foodservice industry
- skill, innovation and leadership (Merit Scholarship)
- challenges overcome and career aspirations (Equity Scholarship)
- future career goals and how the scholarship will support their development.

4.4 The panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the outcome.

4.5 The ACF may choose not to award a scholarship if no applicant meets the criteria.

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5. Scholarship award and conditions

5.1 Each recipient will receive $4,000 to be used for:

- training and education expenses
- equipment or tools that support their career development
- professional development or competition costs.

5.2 The $4,000 will be paid to the recipient once the ACF has verified their eligibility and confirmed their ACF membership. Funds must be used by Wednesday 1 March 2028, and recipients must give the ACF a short summary of how the funds were used.

5.3 The scholarship cannot be transferred to another person or deferred to a later year.

5.4 Recipients are responsible for any tax obligations arising from the scholarship and should seek independent advice if unsure.

5.5 Recipients must be willing to work with the ACF and Nestlé Professional on media opportunities, promotional materials and industry events related to the Scholarships.

5.6 If a recipient cannot be contacted within seven days of Thursday 25 February 2027, is found to be ineligible, or does not meet these Terms and Conditions, the scholarship may be withdrawn and awarded to another shortlisted applicant.

6. Announcement of recipients

6.1 Successful applicants will be contacted by phone and email on Thursday 25 February 2027 and must keep the outcome confidential until the public announcement.

6.2 Recipients will be announced publicly on Monday 1 March 2027.

6.3 Shortlisted applicants who are unsuccessful will be notified by email by Monday 1 March 2027.

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7. Privacy and use of information

7.1 The ACF collects applicants' personal information to assess applications and administer the Scholarships, in line with the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and the ACF Privacy Policy, available at www.austculinary.com.au.

7.2 Application details will be shared with selection panel members, including Nestlé Professional representatives, for assessment. They will not be sold or shared with any other third party, except as set out in clause 7.3 or where required by law.

7.3 Recipients consent to the ACF and Nestlé Professional using their name, image, workplace, profile and extracts from their application in media releases, websites, social media, newsletters and promotional material related to the Scholarships. Recipient details will also be shared with WorldChefs.

7.4 The names and images of applicants who are not awarded a scholarship will not be published.

7.5 Personal statements submitted for the Equity Scholarship will be kept confidential and will not be published without the applicant's written consent, including for the recipient.

7.6 Applicants may ask to access or correct their personal information by contacting the ACF.

8. General

8.1 The ACF may amend, suspend or cancel the Scholarships or these Terms and Conditions if circumstances outside its control require it. Any changes will be published on the ACF website.

8.2 To the extent permitted by law, the ACF and Nestlé Professional are not liable for any loss or damage arising from participation in the Scholarships or use of the award.

8.3 These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of Victoria, Australia.

8.4 Questions about the Scholarships or these Terms and Conditions can be sent to marketing@austculinary.com.au.

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