



ACF Pittsburgh Chapter

Chef Nicolas Colletti Professionalism Award Requirements

The ACF Pittsburgh Chapter is proud to announce the establishment of the Chef Nicolas Colletti Professionalism Award, an esteemed recognition honoring chefs who embody the highest standards of professionalism within the culinary industry. This award pays tribute to Chef Nicolas Colletti's enduring legacy of integrity, leadership, and mentorship, and it seeks to recognize individuals who exemplify those same qualities in their daily work and careers. This award celebrates chefs who consistently demonstrate respect, fairness, and accountability, and who set a positive example for peers and the next generation of culinary professionals.

How to Submit a Nomination:

To nominate a chef for the Chef Nicolas Colletti Professionalism Award, please complete the nomination process as outlined in the checklist below and send all required nomination packet materials to through the form on the ACFPC website by the submission deadline. We look forward to honoring the outstanding chefs who continue to elevate the culinary industry in Pittsburgh and beyond.

Eligibility:

1. **Nominee Status:** The nominee must be a professional actively working in the culinary, hospitality, or adjacent field. This award is open to professionals both within and outside of the ACF Pittsburgh Chapter (ACFPC). The nominee is not eligible if they have won this award within the last 10 years.
2. **Nomination Source:** The nominee must be nominated by an ACFPC member who is in good standing. Self-nominations are **NOT** accepted.

Criteria for Nomination:

1. **Professional Excellence:**
 - Consistent demonstration of respect, integrity, and ethical conduct in all professional settings.
 - Commitment to maintaining the dignity of the culinary profession.
 - Known for fairness, accountability, and treating others with respect and courtesy.
2. **Leadership and Impact:**
 - Dedication to guiding, mentoring, and inspiring the next generation of chefs.
 - Leadership that fosters collaboration, inclusivity, and a positive working environment.
 - Demonstrated ability to resolve conflicts professionally and constructively.
3. **Service & Contribution:**
 - Significant contributions to the ACF, the culinary community, or local organizations through service, volunteerism, or leadership roles.
 - Active promotion of ACF values and standards both inside and outside the kitchen.
 - Involvement in initiatives that strengthen the culinary community in Pittsburgh.

4. Ethical and Professional Conduct:

- Adherence to high standards of ethical conduct in all professional dealings.
- Commitment to the culinary profession's integrity and the values upheld by the ACF.

5. Commitment to Growth & Excellence:

- Active pursuit of personal and professional growth, including certifications, continued education, and involvement in professional organizations.
- Dedication to uplifting the profession through advocacy, education, or public engagement.

Nomination Process:

1. Submission Requirements:

- Complete and send the completed application along with the nomination checklist items listed on the following page.

2. Deadline: All nomination materials must be submitted by the deadline posted on the ACFPC website.

3. Selection Process:

- The ACF Pittsburgh Chapter's Awards Committee will review all nominations based on the above criteria and announce a decision on eligibility at the first board meeting of the month of November.
- The committee reserves the right to request additional information or conduct interviews if needed.
- A vote will be held via electronic ballot, and the winner will be announced by the first Friday of the new calendar year.

4. Award Presentation:

- The Chef Nicolas Colletti Professionalism Award recipient will be honored at the ACF Pittsburgh Chapter's annual awards ceremony.
- The recipient will receive a medal and plaque and will be featured in the chapter's communications and media outlets.

Additional Information:

- The ACF Pittsburgh Chapter values diversity and encourages nominations of chefs from all backgrounds and culinary traditions.
- Nominators and nominees must ensure all information provided is accurate and truthful.

Chef Nicolas Colletti Professionalism Award Nomination Packet Checklist

To ensure a complete and thorough nomination for the ACF Pittsburgh Chapter's Chef Nicolas Colletti Professionalism Award, please compile and submit the following items in a single nomination packet through the form on the ACFPC website. The form must be completed in its entirety by the submission deadline. All incomplete nominations will not be accepted.

1. Nomination Letter

- A detailed letter from the ACFPC member in good standing who is nominating the professional.
- The letter should clearly outline the nominee's professionalism, leadership, mentorship, and service to the culinary community.
- Include specific examples of professional integrity, mentorship, and positive influence.

2. Letters of Support

- At least **one** additional letter of support from other professionals or organizations within the culinary community.
- These letters should further emphasize the nominee's character, professional reputation, and commitment to the values of the culinary profession.

3. Professional Biography or CV

- A comprehensive biography or curriculum vitae (CV) of the nominee.
- Include details of the nominee's career highlights, awards, recognitions, and any relevant certifications or educational achievements.
- Current headshot of the nominee.

4. Documentation of Achievements (Optional but Encouraged)

- Any supporting materials that highlight the nominee's work, such as:
 - Testimonials from mentees or colleagues..
 - Articles, reviews, or publications featuring the nominee.
 - Documentation of service work, leadership, or community initiatives.

5. Contact Information

- Include the full contact information for both the nominator and the nominee:
 - Full name
 - Email address
 - Phone number
 - Mailing address

6. Submission

- Compile all the above materials and fill out the form on the ACFPC website to submit a nomination. All incomplete nominations will not be accepted or considered.

7. Submission Deadline

- Ensure that all materials are submitted by **November 1st**. Late submissions may not be considered.

This checklist is designed to streamline the nomination process and ensure that each nominee's achievements are fully represented for consideration by the ACF Pittsburgh Chapter's Awards Committee.