



## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed application form (or online submission)
- One high resolution recent photo/portrait in chef jacket
- Two letters of recommendation, including one from your current employer Head Chef/Executive Chef
- Photocopy of valid U.S. working credentials
- Candidate Pledge Form

**Completed applications must be received no later than Monday, June 1, 2015.**

**Please mail application materials to the following address:**

ment'or  
16 East 40<sup>th</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10016  
Attention: Tehani Levin



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## 2015 YOUNG CHEF COMPETITIONS APPLICATION

Ment'or is proud to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Young Chef Competition series, designed to help recognize up and coming culinary leaders, identify future ambassadors for the culinary arts, and showcase the skill level and cuisine in America. These public competitions will take place in four different cities across the country. Young cooks will be asked to demonstrate their technical skills and creativity in a spirited and challenging contest.

Ment'or will host four regional competitions in the following cities:

- Los Angeles
- New York City
- Chicago
- Houston

A panel of renowned chefs drawn from the Foundation's Culinary Council will serve as officials at the competitions. Judges will evaluate each competing team's preparation of the selected protein, which will be announced to the competitors approximately six weeks prior to the competition. Each competing chef must prepare a dish based on the selected protein for the judges to evaluate. The competing chefs will be judged for excellence in overall taste, presentation and kitchen organization.

### **Prizes**

Each 1<sup>st</sup> place team will receive a \$10,000 prize, which the candidate may use towards a stage.

Each 2<sup>nd</sup> place team will receive \$5,000, which the candidate may use towards a stage.

### **YOUNG CHEF COMPETITOR SELECTION**

The Board of Directors of ment'or will select four (4) young chefs to compete at each of the four regional Young Chef Competitions (16 total chefs). These selections will be made based on the strength of all aspects of the chefs' written applications, including resumes, statements of intent, and letters of recommendation.

The sixteen chefs will be notified of their nominations by **Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

*PLEASE NOTE: PREVIOUS COMPETITION EXPERIENCE IS NOT REQUIRED.*

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

1. Applicants must be between the ages of 22 and 27 years old by the time of the competition
2. Applicants must hold valid working credentials in the United States
3. Applicants must have worked in a restaurant for at least three (3) years

**PART I: APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM**

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: M / F

**PLEASE ENCLOSE A RECENT PHOTO/ HEADSHOT IN YOUR CHEF COAT**

Are you a relative of an officer or director of ment'or? Yes / No

If yes, please indicate the name of your relative and their title at ment'or: \_\_\_\_\_

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

Twitter: \_\_\_\_\_

Instagram: \_\_\_\_\_

Blogs/ Online Affiliations (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPERIENCE**

Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ENCLOSE YOUR RESUME/ CV**

Are you eligible to work in the US? Yes / No

**PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF VALID U.S. WORKING CREDENTIALS**

**AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS**

Award Name	Year Won	Location

**CULINARY PORTFOLIO**

Please enclose 4-5 photos of your recent culinary work.

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Please enclose two letters of recommendation, one from your current employer and one from a previous employer.

**ESSAY (in 400 words or less)**

Please describe your culinary aspirations, why you would like to participate in the Ment'or Young Chef Competition, and what you hope to achieve from this experience. Please enclose as a separate document.



**PART III: CANDIDATE PLEDGE FORM**

I hereby acknowledge and agree that, if selected, I \_\_\_\_\_ will abide by all the Young Chef Competition guidelines, and will be available to participate in all events related to ment'or for which travel, accommodations, food and equipment will be provided by the Foundation and sponsors of the Foundation. I agree at all times to conduct myself in a highly professional, ethical and respectable manner, to honorably serve as a representative of the Foundation.

I hereby agree to grant and assign to Foundation all right, title, and interest throughout the world, including, without limitation, all rights to use, reproduce, display, distribute, archive, and prepare derivative works in any media now know or hereinafter developed, including, without limitation, any electronic or digital media, in and to any materials I create (or have created for me) in connection with the Young Chef Competition series. This includes all related goodwill and intellectual property rights (including all copyrights) incorporated therein, as well as all rights of paternity, integrity, disclosure, and withdrawal and any other rights that may be known as or referred to as "moral rights" (collectively, "Moral Rights"). To the extent such Moral Rights cannot be assigned under applicable law and to the extent the following is allowed by the laws in the various countries where Moral Rights exist, I hereby agree to waive such Moral Rights and consent to any action of Foundation that would violate such Moral Rights in the absence of such consent. In addition, I hereby agree to grant to Foundation (and all persons or entities acting on Foundation's behalf or with its authority) a non-exclusive, perpetual, irrevocable, sublicenseable, worldwide, right and permission to use my name, likeness, audiovisual recording created for the Young Chef Competition series (if any), and biographical data, in any media now known or hereinafter developed, in conjunction with the Young Chef Competition series and for any business, education, or internal purposes determined by Foundation.

I hereby certify that all information and documents supplied to the Foundation by me are true and accurate.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_