

# Professional Organizations

- **American Culinary Federation**

<https://www.acfchefs.org/ACF/About/Overview/ACF/About/Overview/>

The American Culinary Federation (ACF), founded in 1929, is the largest professional association for culinarians and hospitality professionals in North America. It elevates the culinary profession through education, certification, mentorship, and advocacy, and helped establish the executive chef as a recognized professional role.



- **New York State Restaurant Association**

<https://www.nysra.org/>

New York State Association has served as the voice of the hospitality industry for nearly a century, working to strengthen the business climate across the state since 1935. It fosters statewide collaboration and leadership on advocacy issues while providing valuable resources and support to its members.

- **National Restaurant Association**

<https://restaurant.org/>

The National Restaurant Association works to support and advance the restaurant industry by strengthening operations, reducing risk, and developing talent. It also promotes business vitality through advocacy at all levels and fosters knowledge-sharing and collaboration among industry professionals.



- **James Beard Foundation**

<https://www.jamesbeard.org/>

The James Beard Foundation is a nonprofit that supports and celebrates excellence in the culinary arts through education, scholarships, and industry events. It is best known for hosting the prestigious James Beard Awards and promoting a strong, sustainable food community.

- **Center for the Advancement of Foodservice Education**

<https://www.cafemeetingplace.com/>

The Center for the Advancement of Foodservice Education (CAFÉ), helps to provide resources, news, and tools to support culinary and foodservice educators. It features industry articles, job listings, lesson plans, contests, podcasts, and events designed to help instructors and professionals stay connected and informed.

- **Les Amis d'Escoffier Society of New York**

<https://escoffier-society.com/>

This organization supports culinary education by providing scholarships to student chefs and promoting the art of fine dining. It also educates members on cuisine and fine wines through expertly guided dinners that emphasize classic preparation, presentation, and service.



- **Glancy Wine Education Foundation**

<https://www.glancywineeducationfoundation.org/>

The Glancy Wine Education Foundation supports wine and hospitality professionals and students with career development and national scholarships through top U.S. wine-education programs. Established in 2020, it especially aids those affected by the pandemic.

- **The American Institute of Wine and Food**

[https://www.aiwf.org/site\\_page.cfm?](https://www.aiwf.org/site_page.cfm?pk_association_webpage_menu=2041&pk_association_webpage=5616)

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The American Institute of Wine & Food is a national nonprofit connecting wine and food enthusiasts with experts through events and experiences. It promotes culinary education, healthy eating, and community through programs like scholarships and Days of Taste®.



- **Société Culinaire Philanthropique**

<https://www.societeculinaire.com>

The Société Culinaire Philanthropique is one of the oldest U.S. chef associations, supporting culinarians through community, mentorship, events, and scholarships while promoting the culinary arts.

- **The Bread Bakers Guild of America**

<https://bbga.org/>

The Bread Bakers Guild of America is an independent and creative group of current and aspiring bakery owners, professional bakers, cottage operators, ingredient and equipment suppliers, educators, students, serious home bakers, and more.

- **Society for Hospitality and Foodservice Management**

<https://shfm-online.org/>

The Society for Hospitality and Foodservice Management Foundation is a nonprofit supporting higher education with scholarships and student programs. It promotes the growth of the hospitality industry, which impacts productivity and well-being for millions of American workers.

