

Baking & Pastry Finalist ACF Testing

Due to spacing limitations, all national qualifiers for the Baking & Pastry STAR Event will be **REQUIRED** to take the American Culinary Federation (ACF) Certified Fundamental Pastry Cook (CFPC) Exam. These exam scores will determine the members invited to compete at the National Leadership Conference (NLC) this summer in Denver, CO. This decision was made to provide a method to determine the finalists based on the numbers FCCLA can accommodate at NLC. This also provides members the opportunity to gain recognition and certification from ACF.

At this time Culinary Arts Competitors are not required to take the ACF Exam. Should this change, competitors will be immediately notified by National FCCLA.

Baking & Pastry Finalist Step by Step Instructions:

STEP 1:

After qualifying in Baking and Pastry at your State Leadership Conference, register for the 2023 National Leadership Conference in the FCCLA Portal. Competitors must register for the Baking and Pastry STAR Event **AND** the ACF Fundamentals Pastry Cook Exam (\$35) by **May 8, 2023**. Use the path below to add the ACF Exam to your registration. **Please note that the ACF Fundamentals Pastry Cook Exam is a requirement for all Baking & Pastry competitors.**

(FCCLA Portal > Meetings and Events > 2023 National Leadership Conference > Items > For Culinary Arts and Baking and Pastry STAR Event Competitors Only)

STEP 2:

Review the exam information posted on the FCCLA website to learn what competencies are covered on the exam.

STEP 3:

Take the ACF Fundamentals Pastry Cook Exam during the testing window from **May 1 -12, 2023**. National FCCLA will notify participants if they have qualified to move on to compete at the National Leadership Conference on **May 15, 2023**.

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

- If you do not qualify to compete at NLC based on your ACF Fundamentals Pastry Cook Exam score and you no longer wish to attend NLC, you must cancel your hotel room and meeting registration by **May 19** to avoid cancellation fees.
- If you do not qualify to compete at NLC based on your ACF Fundamentals Pastry Cook Exam score and will attend NLC, your Baking & Pastry STAR Event registration will be refunded.
- In light of spacing limitations, FCCLA is providing the opportunity for **all** Baking & Pastry state qualifiers to also register to compete in the Pastry Arts Technical Decorating Skill Demonstration Event taking place onsite at NLC. Registration for this Competitive Event is \$30 per person (non-refundable). The top three national winners for this event will also be eligible to receive a scholarship from Sullivan University as outlined on the FCCLA website. If a student earns top recognition in both a STAR Event and Skill Demonstration Event, the scholarships cannot be combined, and the highest scholarship will be awarded. Baking & Pastry state qualifiers who would like to also register to compete in this Skill Demonstration Event must email competitiveevents@fcclainc.org by **May 19**.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What exam do I need to take?

Baking & Pastry participants will need to take the Certified Fundamental Pastry Cook (CFPC)

If I have already taken the CFPC ACF exam, will I need to retake it?

Your score can be used if you have taken the CFPC exam after **January 1, 2022**. You can still retake the exam if you want to try to earn a higher score. If you are wanting to use a past CFPC score, you will need to email competitiveevents@fcclainc.org with proof of your test score by **May 12**.

When would I need to take the exam?

Exam must be taken and score submitted by **May 12**. Qualifiers who submit their score after **May 12**, will not be eligible to compete.

What does the CFPC exam cover/cost?

Exam information, including knowledge competencies, price, and proctor requirements, can be found on the [FCCLA website](https://www.fccla.org).

Will I get a refund if I am not invited to compete based on my test score?

Refunds for registration will be honored for those not invited to compete based on their test scores. The ACF exam fee (\$35) is non-refundable.

If I pass the exam but am not one of the students advancing to compete at the National Leadership Conference can I still get certified?

If a student passes the written exam and is not able to participate in the practical portion at NLC, they will earn a Baking and Pastry Essentials certification.

Will study resources be given to participants?

If a student registers for the ACF exam in the FCCLA Portal, they will be able to access study materials on the ACF Portal. The login instructions for the ACF Portal will be communicated to the member and chapter adviser by FCCLA. It is recommended to register for the ACF exam as early as possible, as this will provide more time to review the study materials.

Questions? Email competitiveevents@fcclainc.org