



Below are the ACE Award descriptions along with the questions that correlate with each award within the submission form via Survey Monkey. (Do not submit this PDF form.)

Each response should be between 250 and 500 words (or approximately 1,400 and 2,950 characters). Nominations without responses to the supporting questions will **not** be considered. Additional attachments can be sent to awards@ANFPonline.org.

**No self-nominations will be accepted for this award.*

APPLY TODAY

Ambassador Award

Recipient: Non-member, non-CDM, CFPP

Criteria: An administrator, dietitian, etc. who demonstrated commitment to the CDM, CFPP credential and supports the nutrition and foodservice department leader through mentoring.

1. How did the nominee demonstrate commitment to the CDM, CFPP credential and support the nutrition and foodservice department leader through mentoring?
 2. How did the nominee display commitment to the CDM, CFPP and/or ANFP?
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CDM, CFPP Spotlight Award

Recipient: Recipient of the Chapter's CDM, CFPP of the Year or CDM, CFPP of the Month

Criteria: Member that has received their chapter's CDM, CFPP of Year (or equivalent award), or was named as the 'CDM, CFPP of the Month'.

1. When did the nominee receive the chapter CDM, CFPP of the Year Award (or chapter equivalent) or when was the nominee CDM, CFPP of the Month?
2. In the space below, explain why the nominee deserves to receive the national CDM, CFPP Spotlight recognition.

Chapter Volunteer of the Year Award

Recipient: Any current ANFP chapter volunteer

Criteria: Recognizes an outstanding chapter volunteer that serves as a positive example to others, and whose dedicated service, time, and efforts to the foodservice industry help to advance the mission of ANFP at the state level.

Criteria:

- Must be a CDM, CFPP and current, active chapter volunteer
 - Makes an outstanding contribution to the association through volunteer service
 - Candidate has served as chapter leader/volunteer for at least five years
 - Held at least one chapter officer position for a full term (according to chapter's bylaws)
 - Actively seeks out others to engage in volunteer activities
 - Supports and upholds the aims and goals of ANFP
 - Demonstrates exceptional commitment, service, creativity, and cooperation
1. Has the nominee served as a chapter leader/volunteer for at least five years?
 2. What is the volunteer's current role?
 3. How has the nominee set a positive example through exceptional commitment, service, creativity, and cooperation?
 4. How does the nominee actively seek to engage others in volunteer activities?
 5. How has the nominee supported the aims and goals of ANFP as a chapter volunteer?
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Dining Distinction Award

Recipient: Any member

Criteria: The dining experience can contribute significantly to the health and well-being of individuals; an optimal dining experience is more than "eating". It involved the nutritional value of food, the way food is presented, the environment in which food is presented, the human interactions that occur during the dining experience.

1. How has the nominee demonstrated excellence in dining?
2. How has the nominee impacted the quality of life through dining for their customers/patients?
3. How has the nominee promoted good nutrition to customers/patients?
4. How has the nominee used creativity in addressing needs of their customers/patients?

Distinguished Service Award*

Recipient: Member or Corporate Sponsor

Member Criteria: Member has exhibited strong support for ANFP and its mission: Enhance health and wellness through optimum nutritional care.

Corporate Sponsor Criteria: Nominee has served ANFP and its members at the national level in any of the following ways (if nominee is an organization, they have supported their staff members to be involved with ANFP, or have contributed as an organization, in any of these ways):

- As a board, committee, or task force member
- As a speaker at national events
- As a thought leader and mentor to CDM, CFPPs and all ANFP members
- As an ambassador for ANFP in the nutrition and foodservice industry
- As a partner in the development of programs and services that have benefited ANFP members

Member Questions

1. How many years has the nominee been a CDM, CFPP?
2. Please list specific examples of how the nominee has supported the CDM, CFPP including volunteering with their local state chapter.
3. How has the nominee exhibited strong support for ANFP and its mission?

Corporate Sponsor Questions

1. How long has the nominee been involved in ANFP at a national level?
 2. How has the nominee supported ANFP in pursuit of its mission? Please list specific examples.
 3. Please list additional information that demonstrates how this nominee stands apart in the provision of distinguished service to ANFP, CDM, CFPPs, and all ANFP members.
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Horizon Award

Recipient: Member who has practiced in the foodservice industry five years or less.

Criteria: Recognizes members who are new to management, and who demonstrate a desire for future growth through initiatives within their facility or community, or local chapter, and display leadership in fostering equality, diversity, and inclusion in the workplace.

1. Has the nominee been in the foodservice industry five years or less?
2. How has this member displayed leadership in fostering equality, diversity, and inclusion?
3. How has the nominee shown leadership or innovation at their facility or place of employment?
4. How has the nominee demonstrated a desire for future growth by contributing and/or participating in their local chapter of ANFP?

Innovation Award

Recipient: Any member

Criteria: Recognizes members who enhance their nutrition and foodservice operations through technology, program development, nutrition, operations and/or creative use of financial management.

1. How did the nominee enhance their nutrition and foodservice operations through technology, program development, nutrition, operations, and/or creative use of financial management?
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Legacy Award*

Recipient: ANFP member that has been a member for at least 15 years, and served three or more years on a national committee/board and attended at least three ANFP regional and/or annual meetings within the last five years.

Criteria: ANFP involvement and attendance at ANFP programming to include contributions to ANFP through consistent participation but not limited to annual meeting, regional meetings, leadership institute, and chapter programs.

1. How many years has the nominee been a CDM, CFPP?
 2. How has a member made significant and ongoing contributions to ANFP, their workplace, and/or their community?
 3. Please list specific examples of how the CDM, CFPP has been involved with ANFP during their time as a member?
 4. How has the nominee's volunteer work positively impacted ANFP?
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Partnership Award

Recipient: Company or facility (Members or non-members)

Criteria: Demonstrated strong commitment to the CDM, CFPP credential and supports the nutrition and foodservice department leader.

1. How did a facility demonstrate strong commitment to the CDM, CFPP credential and support the nutrition and foodservice department leader?
2. List specific examples of actions the facility has taken to support the CDM, CFPP.
3. How has credentialed staff/leaders led to positive change for the facility?
4. What has the facility done to grow the foodservice/dietary department leader(s)?

Public Policy Leadership Award

Recipient: Congressperson or member

Criteria: Exhibits strong support for efforts to change/strengthen public policy in the areas of nutrition, food, healthcare, and public health.

Member Questions

1. How does the member exhibit strong support for efforts to change or strengthen public policy, especially in the areas of nutrition, food, health care and public health?

Congressperson Questions

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Student of the Year Award

Recipient: A current student enrolled in an ANFP Approved Program who exemplifies dedication, hard work, and commitment to earning the credential and pursuing a career in the foodservice industry.

Criteria: Must be currently enrolled in an ANFP Approved Program and will sit for the exam within the next year (June 1 - May 31).

Individual recipient of the national award will receive one free year of membership after becoming a CDM, CFPP.

1. Is the nominee currently enrolled in an ANFP Approved Program? Please list.
2. When will the nominee be eligible to sit for the exam?
3. How has the nominee exhibited hard work and commitment to earning the credential?
4. How has the nominee exhibited dedication and commitment to pursuing a career in the foodservice industry?

Awards in the form of complimentary membership, event registration or other ANFP products, already paid for by an award recipient, will be refunded to the individual and re-processed in accordance with the procedures established for the ANFP awards program.

Supplemental Questions

There are supplemental questions that are not required for nominee submission, but a response is encouraged. They include the following:

1. How does the nominee anticipate the award benefiting their career?
2. What would you like us to know that sets the nominee apart from the other applicants?

While not required, a referral or a letter of recommendation is strongly encouraged and may help boost the nominee's score.

Below are questions the nominee's reference should answer within their letter:

1. Where do you see the greatest potential in this candidate as it relates to the field of nutrition and foodservice?
2. Is there anything else you would like to share about this candidate that would be helpful to the Awards & Recognition committee?

Award nominations close on March 1, 2026.

Send any questions to awards@ANFPonline.org.

