

“NORTHLAND CHEFS” YOUNG CHEF OF THE YEAR SCHOLARSHIP 2010

HOW TO APPLY

To be eligible applicants must be between the ages of 16-22 as of 25th June 2010 and be able to show a clear intention of preparing to enter into, and finish, chefs training at tertiary level here in Northland.

Applications must be received by “Northland Chefs” no later than 5pm, Monday 14th June 2010.

YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- The completed application form (**must be on the standard form included**)
- A description (in your own words) of your favorite cuisine or culinary style, and a written three-course menu, which demonstrates an example of this (max 250 words). **Note: you are not expected to re-produce the menu**
- Whom your favorite food hero is and why. This person could be a mentor or fellow chef etc (max 250 words)
- Where you see yourself in 5 years time, and your plans for getting there (max 250 words)
- A reference from your Head Chef or Hospitality Tutor (**must be on the standard form included**)
- Signed employee or school release form (**must be on the standard form included**)

One original and 2 photocopies of the full application are to be sent to:

Scholarship 10
C/o Northland Chefs
PO Box 635
Kerikeri

INITIAL ENTRY STAGE

A judging panel will review applications. Applications displaying the highest level of creativity, culinary flair and endorsement from referees, will be invited to attend an interview. Letters to all successful applicants will include their assigned date and time for their interview.

THE INTERVIEW STAGE

Each interview will take approximately 30 - 35 minutes and will consist of questions from each of the panel's 3 interviewers. Interview locations will be confirmed once successful applicants are decided. **The standard of dress must be suitable for an interview situation.**

The interview panel will comprise of representatives from "Northland Chefs" and the hospitality industry. The panel will assess each interviewee against the following criteria:

- Presentation and communication
- Potential to act as an ambassador for Northland and the hospitality industry within New Zealand
- Level of self dependence
- Confidence, initiative and maturity
- Attitude to new experiences.

Following the interviews, the panel will select 3 finalists to compete in a live cook-off competition being held at NorthTec's Whangarei campus. All interviewees will be advised of the panel's decision within two working days of their interview. The panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

THE LIVE COOK-OFF COMPETITION

The live cook-off will be held at **NorthTec's Whangarei Campus on Friday 25th June 2010**. It consists of a mystery box competition where 2 portions of a main course dish are to be produced within 1 hour.

Each finalist will be given a mystery box with identical ingredients at the briefing, which will be at **9AM**. At this time the finalist will have **20 minutes** to assess the contents and submit the dish that they will produce. The finalist will then have **1 hour** to execute 2 portions of their dish.

THE PRIZE

The winner of the "NORTHLAND CHEFS" Young Chef of the Year Scholarship will receive a **\$4000** training scholarship to enter one of Northlands training institutes or entry into an H S I Modern Apprenticeship scheme. The prize package will go towards course fees and will be paid in two installments. The first on enrolment and the second coming at graduation.

The runner's up will all receive membership to the NZ Chefs Association plus 4 one-day work experiences with 4 of Northlands influential chefs.

GALA LUNCH

The Mataariki Awards 2010 will take place at The Mataariki Tapas Style Luncheon on **Sunday 27th June** at Forum North in Whangarei. All finalists will be automatically registered for the Awards, it is a requirement that all finalists attend the luncheon and each finalist will be given 1 free VIP ticket. The winner of the scholarship will be announced at the ceremony. Standard of dress for the event must be appropriate for an awards ceremony.



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APPLICATION FORM

Name:

Workplace or school:

Postal Address (all correspondence will be sent here):

Email:

Phone:

Mobile:

Head Chef/Manager or Tutor:

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REFERENCE FROM HEAD CHEF OR HOSPITALITY TUTOR

Your name and title:

Applicants name:

Workplace/school:

Period of time applicant has been with your workplace/school:

Period of time under your supervision:

Describe the applicant’s work ethics:

Describe the applicant’s approach to their intentions to choose professional cookery as a career pathway, e.g. are they committed to their training, do they seek additional opportunities to learn from you?

Describe their ability to work in a team:

If already in a work place, what areas of the kitchen has the applicant worked in?

Where in the kitchen or class have they excelled?

Why do you think this applicant should be the “Northland Chefs” Young Chef of the Year Scholarship 2010 recipient?

Any additional comments:

Signed:

Date:



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EMPLOYEE RELEASE STATEMENT

This form must be completed and signed by your employer and or school.

By signing you are forming an agreement to release the applicant to compete in the competition should they be chosen as a finalist.

Your name & title:

Workplace name & address:

Contact telephone number:

**I understand that by signing this form I agree to release
..... (Applicants name) to compete in the “Northland Chefs”
Young Chef of the Year Scholarship.**

Signed:

Date:

