

Application for 2026 Entrepreneurship Award

Thanks to Kendall College/National Louis University for once again sponsoring the Entrepreneurship Award for 2026! This Award identifies culinary programs that either (1) teach or encourage entrepreneurship in their programming or (2) implement revenue-generation and cost savings into their programs.

Entrepreneurship can be a part of a program's design and includes qualities of visionary leadership. Students can learn about innovation and ideation via their college or community. The Entrepreneurship Award will be judged by the quality of the design and applicability of the outreach whether it is project or concept based.

The Award is \$1,000. The winner will also be given a complimentary registration to the CAFÉ Leadership Conference in June 2026 in Chicago Illinois.

Award Guidelines:

- Open to individuals and all culinary programs
- Open to secondary and post-secondary schools
- Entries judged in the areas of quality of design, applicability, replicability, impact upon the college and community, and thoughtful innovation in practice and technique.
- Past winners may reapply each year for new initiatives or awards.

Application should include:

- Contact information, including name, address, school, email, and phone. (See Application Cover Sheet provided).
- Description of entrepreneurship outreach.
- Documentation illustrating the effort.
- Measurement of the success of this idea/initiative/effort.
- Written permission with these materials that CAFÉ may use any of the information submitted in publicity about the award.

Deadline to submit is April 1, 2026. Winner will be notified in writing no later than May 1, 2026.

To apply, send your electronic application with cover sheet and supporting documents to marygpetersen@comcast.net. Please put 2026 Entrepreneurship Award in the subject line.

Any questions, contact Mary Petersen at marygpetersen@comcast.net.



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2026 APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Award Applied for: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email and Phone: _____

School Name: _____

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publicity about the Award.