

Application for 2026 Student of the Year Award

2026 Award Application for Student of the Year Award, sponsored by the Idaho Potato Commission through CAFÉ (Center for the Advancement of Foodservice Education) Deadline to be submitted is April 1, 2026. Award winner will be notified no later than May 1, 2026.

Award Guidelines:

- Must be a full-time student in a postsecondary culinary/baking/ pastry/ hospitality program
- Must submit an application
- Must include a note indicating permission to use information in publicity about the award

To be included in the Application:

1. Name (See Application Cover Sheet provided)
2. Address
3. Email and Phone
4. School presently attending (must be postsecondary)
5. Application materials
 - Resume, indicating work experience, competitions (if any), courses completed, club or professional memberships, and individual accomplishments
 - Essay of at least 100 words indicating career or professional goals
 - 2 letters of reference from instructors, lab assistants, or department head
 - 1 letter of reference from industry-related employment, volunteer or paid
6. Include with these materials that you are giving permission to use any of the information submitted in publicity about the Award.

The winner of the Award will be expected to write two-short, one-hundred-word essays on the experience from the Harvest Tour. The essays should be accompanied with pictures and be formatted for publication in "The Gold Medal Classroom."

The prize for the Student of the Year will be \$1,000 cash to the winner as well as all expenses paid on the September 2026 Idaho Potato Harvest Tour.

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



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2026 APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Award Applied for: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email and Phone: _____

School Name: _____

_____ I hereby give CAFÉ and the sponsor of this Award permission to use any of the information submitted in publicity about the Award.