



2016 Young Chefs National Finals Facts Sheet for the Media

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1. Sponsored by the Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs.
2. The U.S. contest is called the National Young Chefs National Finals, and the winner is called the Best Young Chef for that year.
3. The international contest is called the International Jeunes Chefs Rôtisseurs Competition, and the winner is called the Best International Young Chef for that year.
4. The U.S. winner receives a crystal trophy, red medal and three years membership in the Chaîne as well as the opportunity to compete in the international contest.
5. Contestants must be born on October 1, 1989 or after that date, with a birthday on October 1, or later of 2016 or after to be eligible to compete for the world finals.
6. The 2016 national contest will take place on June 9-12, 2016 at Keiser University, Sarasota, Florida.
7. The 2016 international contest is set for September 27-October 1, 2016 at Manchester College, Manchester, England.
8. The international contest began in 1977.
9. Teams of professionals in the food industry judge the contests. The names of this year's judges will be available following each contest.
10. Medals are awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd for the entire contest. Gold, Silver or Bronze. Scores are kept strictly confidential for all contestants, and no other rankings are revealed.
11. The national and international contests require competitors to plan, prepare and plate three courses in four hours using a black box of ingredients plus a typically stocked "pantry" of items made available to the contest.
12. A sample application form and a manual with the complete rules for the U.S. competition are available at www.chaineus.org under the Outreach pull-down menu.
13. Information about the international contest may be found at www.chainedesrotisseurs.com
14. The U.S. competition typically includes 10 contestants, one each from the ten geographic areas that make up the U.S. Chapter of the Chaîne. The international field averages 24 contestants from among the 80 nations.
15. The Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs is a not-for-profit organization comprised of professionals in all areas of the food and wine industries as well as amateur gourmands.
16. There are currently about 6,000 members in the U.S. and 22,000 members worldwide.
17. The Winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to the World Finals representing the United States.
18. In the event that the winner is unable to compete in the World Finals the alternate will take his or her place.