

IFTSA Chapter of the Year Awards

RULES AND GUIDELINES







BACKGROUND

The Chapter of the Year (COY) was first established in 1976 to recognize outstanding IFTSA chapters. The competition was revised in 2014 to better align with IFTSA's Strategic Plan and to increase recognition for the many outstanding IFTSA chapters. Further edits were made in 2018 following a review by the IFTSA Competitions Task Force and again in 2022 to reflect the new mission of IFTSA. Applications will be assessed on the chapter's essay responses **and completion of minimum chapter requirements.**

IFTSA Mission

The mission of IFTSA is to enrich the academic experience and empower students to thrive individually and together. The mission includes two parts, *prepare the future* and *celebrate the community*. The Chapter of the Year awards are designed to recognize chapters that demonstrate this mission and develop, grow, advance, include, excite, and support student members.

Mission: To enrich the academic experience and empower students to thrive individually and together

Prepare the Future	&	Celebrate the Community
 Develop exceptional emerging professionals by providing opportunities beyond the classroom and lab		 Include and promote diverse perspectives and backgrounds to foster a culture of belonging
 Grow student networks to facilitate meaningful, lasting connections		 Excite members through experiences available only with the student association
 Advance students' professional aptitude to enable success in their careers		 Support and recognize dedicated individuals in the science of food

AWARDS

The following awards will be presented annually*:

- Outstanding Chapter, “Prepare the Future”—\$250 with trophy
- Outstanding Chapter, “Celebrate the Community”—\$250 with trophy
- Chapter of the Year –\$1000 with trophy

All Awards recipients will be recognized at the IFT annual event during the IFTSA Closing Ceremony.

* The overall Chapter of the Year recipient is additionally eligible for up to 1 of the Outstanding Chapter awards.

SCHEDULE

April 30	Application deadline
July 16 - July 19, 2023	IFT FIRST in Chicago

ELIGIBILITY

- A. Student group must be an official IFTSA chapter in compliance with IFTSA Bylaws.
 - a. Contact IFTSA VP of Chapter Engagement or designated IFT Staff member for information on minimum chapter requirements
- B. Chapter officers must be student members in good standing with IFT for the current academic year.
- C. Submitting chapter officer cannot be the IFTSA Chapter of the Year Awards Chair for that year.
- D. Faculty Advisor must be an IFT member in good standing for the current academic year.

GENERAL AWARD INFORMATION

The Institute of Food Technologists Student Association welcomes all chapters to apply for the Chapter of the Year Awards. All submissions are to be submitted **via the portal on IFT.org**. The submission deadline is **April 30, 2023, at 11:59PM Central Time**. Late submissions will NOT be accepted. Incomplete submissions will not be considered. You should receive an email receipt for your submission; be sure to retain a copy of this receipt for your records.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Application

The application includes one essay each related to an IFTSA mission award. Additionally, chapters have the option of submitting an essay for the overall Chapter of the Year award. ** Chapters have the option to apply for one or both mission awards. (Connect/Develop/Support). Applying for both mission awards is necessary if the chapter intends to be considered for the title of “Chapter of the Year”.

- A. Mission Essays (≤ 400 words)
 - a. Prepare the future
 - b. Celebrate the community
- B. Chapter of the Year (≤ 500 words)
- C. Additional Required Material
 - a. Chapter Health Survey
 - i. Part 1 (Fall semester)
 - ii. Part 2 (Spring semester)
 - b. One PowerPoint Slide to be displayed during the IFTSA Closing Ceremony at the FIRST Annual Event
 - c. Chapter and Department information

ESSAYS

Submissions may only include information from events and activities that occurred between May 1, 2022 and April 30, 2023.

- **Prepare the Future:** IFTSA promises to prepare the future by developing exceptional emerging professionals through providing opportunities beyond the classroom and lab, growing student networks to facilitate meaningful, lasting connections, and advancing students' professional aptitude to enable success in their careers. How does your chapter exemplify this promise?
- **Celebrate the Community:** IFTSA promises to celebrate the community by including and promoting diverse perspectives and backgrounds to foster a culture of belonging, exciting members through experiences available only with the student association and supporting/recognizing dedicated individuals in the science of food. How does your chapter exemplify this promise?
- **Chapter of the Year:** Explain how your chapter strives to achieve IFTSA's vision and mission, deliver member value locally, and ultimately, why your chapter deserves the title of "Chapter of the Year". Focus on initiatives and details **not** included in the previous two essays.

POWERPOINT SLIDE

- Include pictures and text related to activities and events held by your chapter
 - Use high quality and descriptive images for displaying during the IFTSA Closing Ceremony
- Include University name and logo

- **Do Not** include IFT/IFTSA logos
- Single slide must be in .ppt or .pptx format, 16x9 aspect ratio. Max 25mb file size

NOTES

The enforcement, review, and changes of these Rules and Guidelines will be the responsibility of the Chair of the competition and designated IFT Staff member. Specific questions concerning the Chapter of the Year Awards can be directed to the Chair, or designated IFT Staff member.

QUESTIONS

Please contact the IFTSA Chapter of the Year Award chair via email at iftsa.coy@gmail.com