

COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

AMERICAN CULINARY FEDERATION EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC. (ACFEF-AC) ACCREDITING COMMISSION

In accordance with the [2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures, Paragraph 43](#), this summary of recognition status describes the formal action taken by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Board of Directors with regard to an accrediting organization seeking recognition by CHEA.

Profile of Accrediting Organization

Type of Accreditor: Programmatic

Number of Programs: 550

CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

The ACFEF Accrediting Commission extends its services both within the United States and to international programs which award Post-Secondary certificates, diplomas, Associate degrees in the culinary arts or baking and pastry arts and Bachelor degrees in foodservice management at accredited institutions. Where accreditation in a country is not otherwise available, the institution must have the approval of the government agency responsible for oversight of the institution. (2015)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: Recognized by CHEA in January 2004

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 30, 2017

Decision: Continue deferral of action on recognition

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation Accrediting Commission (ACFEF-AC). The review was based on the six CHEA recognition standards that require an accrediting organization to show that its accreditation process advances academic quality, demonstrates accountability, encourages self-scrutiny and planning, employs fair and appropriate procedures and demonstrates ongoing review of practice, and that it possesses sufficient resources to carry out its accreditation processes (*2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures, Paragraphs 12A-12F, pp. 5-8*).

The board of directors continued the deferral of ACFEF-AC pending (1) further documentation of ACFEF-AC's implementation of its policy on CHEA Standard 12(B)(1) that requires institutions or programs routinely to provide reliable information to the public on their performance, including student achievement as determined by the institution or program; (2) an update regarding resources in the service of its mission, CHEA Standard 12(F)(1); and (3) documentation to support its financial independence and authority, CHEA Standard 12(F)(3).

Prior action on ACFEF-AC's Application for Recognition

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 25, 2016:

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation Accrediting Commission (ACFEF-AC). The review was based on the six CHEA recognition standards that require an accrediting organization to show that its accreditation process advances academic quality, demonstrates accountability, encourages self-scrutiny and planning, employs fair and appropriate procedures and demonstrates ongoing review of practice, and that it possesses sufficient resources to carry out its accreditation processes (*2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures*, Paragraphs 12A-12F, pp. 5-8).

The board of directors deferred ACFEF-AC's recognition in order to obtain additional evidence that ACFEF-AC (1) has a preponderance of accredited programs that require programs routinely to provide reliable information to the public on their performance, including student achievement, as determined by the program; (2) provides information to the public regarding accreditation actions including the basis or reasons for final decisions; (3) has implemented policies or procedures that call for appropriate consultation regarding, and resolution of conflicts between, accreditation standards and state or local laws governing the institution or program seeking accreditation; (4) has standards, policies, or procedures to address how it communicates and consults with appropriate governmental and nongovernmental accreditation or quality assurance entities in other countries; and (5) has independent authority and capacity to deploy resources in the service of its mission.

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 26, 2004:

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation Accrediting Commission (ACFEF-AC). The review was based on the five CHEA recognition standards that require an accrediting organization to show that its accreditation process advances academic quality, demonstrates accountability, encourages purposeful change and needed improvement, employs fair and appropriate procedures and continually reassesses accreditation practices (*1998 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures*, Paragraphs 11A-11E, pp. 5-8).

ACFEF-AC demonstrated that it met these standards and that its accreditation process is consistent with the quality improvement and accountability expectations that CHEA has established.

The CHEA recognition policy requires that an accrediting organization undergo a recognition review at least every 10 years and submit two interim reports.