



Institute of Food Technologists  
**Student Association**

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| <b>IFT Student Association Excellence in Leadership Award</b> |
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**Purpose:**

The IFT Student Association is a global professional society with members from around the world. Its core purpose is to foster the development of future professionals and leaders who are dedicated to the science and technology of food.

The purpose of the IFT Student Association Excellence in Leadership Award is to recognize two student members of IFT, one undergraduate and one graduate student, who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in their execution of student activities within the student association of IFT. IFTSA seeks to demonstrate its commitment to recognize and reward exemplary leaders within the IFT Student Association.

**Eligibility:**

Student candidates must have made outstanding contributions to the success of their Student Chapter and to IFT, and have exhibited Leadership behaviors as detailed in the evaluation criteria below. Applicants must be enrolled as students during the fall of 2011. Students serving in the office of the IFTSA President (Elect, Current, and Past) are not eligible for this award, during or after their service. The recently elected Incoming President-Elect is still eligible for this award before their terms of service. The current IFTSA Vice President of Membership Experiences is ineligible for this award during their year of service. Awards will be granted without regard to age, sex, ethnicity, or religion.

## **Evaluation Criteria:**

### **❖ Essay #1: Leadership**

An exemplary leader often possesses several of the common qualities found in many great leaders. These traits may include (but are not limited to):

- High Integrity
- Courage
- Initiative
- Enthusiasm
- Flexibility
- Knowledge
- Justice
- Loyalty
- Decisiveness
- Visionary

Please explain what leadership qualities you possess (you may deviate from the suggested list) and how you have grown to become a strong leader. Please limit responses to 2 pages, typed, double-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font. One inch margins must be used.

### **❖ Essay #2: IFT**

Please explain in a maximum of 2 pages (typed, double-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font. One inch margins must be used), your experiences with IFT. Include how and why you became involved as well as in which areas have you been involved in IFT.

### **❖ 3 Letters of Reference:**

Please include 1 letter of recommendation from:

1. Club Advisor or Department Head - endorsing application and including observations of candidate as a strong leader

Please include 1 letter of support from each of the following:

2. Faculty member and/or mentor – personal experience with candidate's leadership abilities
3. Student/Peer – personal experiences working with candidate as a leader of their peer group.

### **❖ Resume:**

Please include dates of relevant IFT/IFTSA involvement

## **Applications and Judgments:**

Completed application forms and all attachments should be sent to the IFTSA Vice President of Membership Experiences as a single PDF document electronically no later than **March 1st, 2012**. A panel of IFTSA appointed judges, which will include 2 IFT leaders and 1 leader from the sponsoring organization, will evaluate the submissions, and awardees will be notified in writing by the IFTSA on or before **April 15th, 2012**.

## **Recognition:**

Each awardee will be presented with an award and \$1,000 during the IFT Awards Celebration at the IFT Annual Meeting.



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**2012 Student Application Form**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

University: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Address (con't): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Year in School, as of Fall 2011\*: (check one) IFT Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergrad\*\*: 1<sup>st</sup> year/Freshman \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> year/Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> year/Junior \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> year/Senior \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate: M.S. \_\_\_\_\_ PhD \_\_\_\_\_

\* In the case of a student changing status from undergraduate to graduate during the current school year, if applying as an undergraduate, please only include achievements and events that occurred during your time as an undergraduate.

\*\* Transfer and non-traditional students: please check box that best explains the time you have left in your degree program.

**Students should please include:**

- A brief essay on personally demonstrated qualities of an exemplary leader (2 page max)
- A brief essay of your contributions to IFT, including your student chapter (2 page max)
- Three letters of recommendation
- An updated resume
- *All documents are to be submitted as a single PDF document*

**Return this form and related materials electronically by March 1st to:**

Vice President of Membership Experiences – **Emily Del Bel**  
Email: iftsa.ela@gmail.com

Other questions may be directed to: Anna Ylijoki, IFT Staff Liaison  
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