

**THE NEXT FOOD NETWORK STAR (SEASON 5)  
OFFICIAL APPLICATION**

PLEASE READ THE RULES/ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION.

1. The Rules/Eligibility Requirements contain important instructions regarding the DVD/MiniDV/uploaded video on FN.com, photographs and other items, which may accompany any submitted participant applications, as well as submission guidelines for your application package. Please remember that all answers are subject to verification.
2. Do not leave any questions unanswered. If any question is not applicable, please write N/A for a response. Failure to answer any question may be grounds for not considering your application.
3. Complete and present this application to Casting Staff at Open Call Casting Events or as otherwise instructed.
4. PLEASE, take your time and answer completely and honestly.
5. Please staple your photographs to the upper left corner of the application

**Thank you for participating in the search for The Next Food Network Star!**

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU**

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

Any other names you have been known by: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Where is your hometown: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Work E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Male Female

Are you employed:

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| ____ Full Time    | ____ Unemployed |
| ____ Part Time    | ____ Student    |
| ____ Other: _____ |                 |

Current Occupation and Job Description:

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Previous occupations (food related or non-food related). Describe in detail:

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Personal or Business Website (ie. MySpace, Facebook etc.)

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Marital Status:

Single                       Married  
 Partnered                   Steady Boyfriend/Girlfriend  
 Divorced                    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your family & living situation (With whom do you live? If you have children, how old are they? Do they live with you, full-time or part-time?)

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Would you be available to leave home for aprx. 3-4 weeks aprx. mid-January through mid-February?

YES    NO

If No, Please explain why. \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you a United States citizen? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, are you a resident alien living in the United States who can document that you currently have a legal right to live and work in the United States? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about *The Next Food Network Star*?

Food Network on-air promotion  
 foodnetwork.com  
 Watching *The Next Food Network Star*  
 Radio  
 On-Line Advertisement  
 From a friend  
 Newspaper/magazine article. If so, please list when and where \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_



Do you have any formal/professional cooking training? If so, please describe. Did you graduate from cooking school?

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If you did not go to cooking school (or *in addition* to that training), how did you learn to cook?

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What is the greatest lesson you've learned about cooking?

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What do you feel you can teach someone about food, or cooking? Please make this something specific to you—not about “having fun in the kitchen” or similar.

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Who was the greatest influence on your cooking, and why?

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In addition to any cooking jobs listed above, list any other culinary experience:

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What is the largest number of people you have ever cooked for? Please explain.

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What makes you different from anyone else on food television?

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Briefly sum up your unique “Culinary Point of View.” That is, what *specifically* makes you and your food different from everyone else’s (not just “I cook with fresh ingredients.”); what is *special* about what you can teach Food Network viewers?

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Complete this sentence: “If I were an ingredient, I would be \_\_\_\_\_.”  
Why would you be that ingredient?

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Tell us 3 things about food, or ingredients, that demonstrate your food knowledge.

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Do you have any dietary restrictions or food allergies? Are there any foods you cannot or will not eat? Please give complete details.

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Clearly describe 3 of your “signature dishes” that best represent you and/or are most popular with your friends/family. Tell us *why* they represent you so well.

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What are your top 5 original cooking tips? (Be specific, Give us information; teach us something. This is a chance to show us your technique and your culinary knowledge)

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**PLEASE NOTE: If you are under consideration as a potential Finalist, you may be asked to submit up to 30 ORIGINAL recipes on short notice. You should begin assembling recipes now, in case you are asked for them (you do not need to submit them yet).**

**III. MORE ABOUT YOU**

Describe your personality, as accurately and truthfully as you can. How would your friends describe you? And what would your toughest critics say about you?

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Please describe any special interests, hobbies, group affiliations or other talents that we should know about:

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Give us an example of a stressful time in your life and how you reacted to it?

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What role do you generally play in groups? Are you a leader? Are you quiet or do you stand out? Please describe in detail.

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What else we should know about your background that would make you a unique finalist on *The Next Food Network Star*?

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Have you ever been, or are you currently, on television? If so, in what capacity, where and when?

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Have you appeared in any newspapers magazines, publicly disseminated photographs, advertising, or internet websites? YES NO

If yes, please explain in detail:

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Are you or have you ever been a member of the television film unions SAG or AFTRA?  
YES NO

If Yes, please give details \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently or have you ever been under contract to a talent agent or manager? YES NO

If yes, please describe, including name, address, telephone number and details:

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Do you speak any foreign languages fluently? If so, which?

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Do you currently have medical insurance? YES NO  
Medical Insurance Provider:

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Do you have any mental or physical conditions or have had any surgery that could interfere with your participation on the show? If so, please explain in detail:

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Have you ever been arrested, detained, or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor offense either as a juvenile or as an adult? If so, please provide details and dates:

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Have you ever been a party to a civil lawsuit? If so, please describe when and where the event occurred, the nature of the case, and what the outcome was:

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Have you ever had a temporary or permanent restraining order placed against you or has anyone tried to obtain a temporary or permanent restraining order against you? If yes, please provide details, including without limitation, date(s), place(s), names of the party seeking temporary restraining order was sought, whether it was issued, and the basis upon which it was issued:

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You must provide the following documents when submitting your application. Failure to do so will result in delaying the processing of your application and/or may result in eliminating you from further consideration:

- Two (2) recent photographs of you, each clearly labeled on the back with your name
- One (1) legible photocopy of EITHER (a) your passport; OR (b) driver's license; OR (c) social security card AND birth certificate

I acknowledge that all the information provided on this questionnaire is true and accurate, and any false or misleading information submitted herein is grounds for my immediate elimination from consideration. This questionnaire and any other material submitted by me, including, but not limited to, pictures, film and videotapes, becomes the property of Food Network, shall not be returned and may be used in any manner in all media, worldwide, in perpetuity. I further understand that by submitting this questionnaire, Food Network has no obligation to accept me and my selection and participation in "The Next Food Network Star" is in no way guaranteed, as it is merely for the purpose of evaluating potential participants.

I acknowledge that I have read and fulfill the eligibility requirements and all the information provided on this questionnaire is true and accurate, and any false or misleading information submitted herein is grounds for my immediate elimination from consideration.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail The Next Food Network Star application, photos, and video tape of yourself to the following address (no materials will be returned) no later than October 31, 2008.

PO BOX #2160 Radio City Station NY, NY 10101-2160

NOTE: In order to complete your application, you must fill out the Release and Waiver below and mail it with your materials.

***THE NEXT FOOD NETWORK STAR (SEASON 5)***  
**RELEASE AND WAIVER**

Print Your Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby acknowledge that: (i) I understand, satisfy, and agree to be bound by, the eligibility requirements for THE NEXT FOOD NETWORK STAR (the "Program") and the instructions of Television Food Network, G.P. ("Food Network"), its employees, producers, and consultants; (ii) I have answered and will answer all questions posed to me honestly and accurately in connection with my application to appear on the Program; (iii) if any of the information that I have provided or will provide is found to be false or incomplete, it will be grounds for dismissal from the Program selection process and from participation in the Program; (iv) Food Network has no obligation to interview me or select me as a participant in the Program; (v) if Food Network cancels the Program, Food Network will have no obligation to me; (vi) Food Network shall have no obligation to air the Program; (vii) all decisions concerning the selection of the participants and all aspects of the Program shall be in the sole discretion of Food Network, are final, and not subject to challenge or appeal.

By submitting my application, I hereby consent to the recording, use and reuse by Food Network and/or the Producers and/or any of their respective licensees, assigns, parents, agents, subsidiaries or affiliated entities (the "Releasees") of my name, voice, likeness, and biographical material in any and all media whether now known or hereafter devised throughout the universe in perpetuity (collectively, "Likeness") in any and all media now known or hereafter devised. I agree that the Releasees may use all or any part of my Likeness and may alter or modify it. I further agree that the Releasees shall exclusively own any application materials (videos, photographs, recipes, etc.) that I may have provided in connection with my application or for participation in the Program and any photos and video or recordings of any kind that Food Network will make of me in connection with the Program and my application (collectively, the "Materials") and all rights therein and thereto including, without limitation, the right to use the Materials and my Likeness in any and all media now known or hereafter devised throughout the universe in perpetuity. I further agree that the Releasees may use my Likeness and the Materials in connection with any promotion, publicity, marketing or advertisement for the Program or any exploitation of the Program of any kind. I grant the rights hereunder whether or not I am selected to participate in the Program in any manner whatsoever. I release the Releasees from any and all liability arising out of their use of my Likeness and/or the Materials. I agree not to make any claim against the Releasees as a result of the recording or use of my Likeness and/or the Materials (including, without limitation, any claim that such use invades any right of privacy and/or publicity and any claims based on defamation or libel or false light). Without limiting the foregoing in any way, to the degree that the Materials include any musical or literary compositions in which I (partially or wholly) own, or to which I purport to (partially or wholly) own, the copyright or any publishing rights, I hereby grant to Food Network, and have the complete, unfettered right to grant to Food Network, an irrevocable, unlimited, perpetual,

worldwide, royalty and payment-free license to use and reproduce such Materials in the Program and in connection with any promotion, publicity, marketing or advertisement for the Program or any exploitation of the Program of any kind, in any and all media now known or which may exist in the future. I understand that Food Network makes no representation that such Materials will or will not be used in any way.

I agree that any dispute between me and any of the Releasees in any way arising out of or related to this agreement, the Program, or any claim by me of any kind against the Releasees as well as any dispute as to the arbitrability of any such controversy or claim, shall be resolved solely by mandatory arbitration between us. In this regard, I further agree and acknowledge that:

A. Arbitration shall be final and binding on the parties, and that judgment thereon may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction;

B. Any Arbitration pursuant to this agreement shall be conducted in New York, New York before a single arbitrator familiar with the television industry and pursuant to the American Arbitration Association's ("AAA") commercial arbitration rules;

C. I and the Releasees are waiving their right to seek remedies in court, including the right to a jury trial;

D. If it is determined by the Arbitrator that any of the Releasees is financially liable to me in connection with the Program, the Materials or my Likeness, or any part thereof, or other materials submitted to Food Network, including but not limited to copyright or trademark rights, I agree that the sole remedy that can be awarded in any Arbitration against the Releasees shall be a monetary award in the amount that Food Network has paid for a similar use of comparable materials or performance, (or, if Food Network has not previously paid for similar use, an amount equal to a standard fee in the cable television industry for such material or performance) and I expressly waive any right to any other form of relief, including but not limited to injunctive relief, any form of punitive damages and/or any alternate calculation of damages;

E. The prevailing party in any Arbitration pursuant to this agreement will be entitled to recover its costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and experts' fees, which may be incurred in connection with such Arbitration; and

F. By signing this agreement I acknowledge that I am agreeing in advance to arbitrate any controversies or claims which may arise with the Releasees.

G. I further agree that the arbitration proceedings, testimony, discovery and documents filed in the course of such proceedings, including the fact that the arbitration is being conducted, will be treated as confidential and will not be disclosed to any third party to such proceedings.

This agreement, including but not limited to the mandatory arbitration provision, shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, successors, representatives, assigns and licensees. Food Network may assign this agreement to any of its parent, subsidiary or affiliated companies.

I hereby agree that have read and understand this agreement and that no oral representations of any kind have been made to me, and that this agreement states our entire understanding with reference to the subject matter hereof. Any modification or waiver of any of the provisions of this agreement must be in writing and signed by both of us.

Should any provision or part of any provision be void or unenforceable, such provision or part thereof shall be deemed omitted, and this agreement with such provision or part thereof omitted, shall remain in full force and effect. This agreement shall at all times be construed so as to carry out the purpose hereof.

I have signed this release on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2008.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_