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# News Release



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## **US Foods Expands Scholarship Program to Students in Arizona**

*US Foods Scholars to Award Scholarships and Professional Development Opportunities to Arizona Students Pursuing Careers in the Culinary Arts*

**ROSEMONT, Ill. – November 8, 2017** – US Foods (NYSE: USFD), is pleased to announce the expansion of its US Foods Scholars program into Arizona. US Foods Scholars awards financial support and professional development opportunities to students who plan to pursue an education in the culinary arts and enter the restaurant industry.

The program was created in partnership with the Careers through Culinary Arts Program (C-CAP) to identify participating high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding potential and achievement in the culinary arts and require additional resources to take the next step of their journey. US Foods Scholars will award three students annually a two-year scholarship totaling \$20,000 each to support costs related to their continued culinary education.

Arizona is the second state in which US Foods Scholars will provide support for participating C-CAP students. US Foods Scholars officially launched in August 2017 in Chicago and was developed to help tackle the talent shortage facing the restaurant industry, which is forecasted to have 1.7 million new positions by 2025<sup>1</sup>.

“We’re excited to be expanding US Foods Scholars and giving more young people an opportunity to achieve their dreams in the culinary arts,” said Debra Ceffalio, senior director of corporate communications, US Foods. “Arizona has a thriving restaurant industry, which means there is a constant need for highly skilled applicants. With this initiative, US Foods aims to provide a meaningful solution for those demands, while supporting future culinary leaders.”

“We are delighted to have the support of US Foods and are thrilled for this generous extension of US Foods Scholars for our young people in Arizona,” said Karen Brosius, president of C-CAP. “Arizona is currently C-CAP’s only statewide program, serving a total of 4,360 students across 40 high schools. We believe this is a great opportunity for our students to continue to receive unique and beneficial hands-on training and skills from one of the largest food companies in the country.”

### **About Careers through Culinary Arts Program (C-CAP)**

Led by chef, author, and restaurateur Marcus Samuelsson as board co-chair, Careers through Culinary Arts Program (C-CAP) is a national non-profit that educates and guides underserved high

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<sup>1</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics

school students toward a bright future. Through its holistic approach to culinary training and career exploration, C-CAP prepares students for the workplace through chef mentoring, field trips, job shadows, work experience and job skills, and college and career advising. As part of this well-rounded support, C-CAP also provides hundreds of high school graduates with scholarships to afford further training. C-CAP's work impacts over 17,000 students each year and has awarded over \$53 million in scholarships since its inception in 1990 when it was founded by Richard Grausman. Our countless alumni work throughout the country and are guiding the future leaders of the culinary and hospitality industry.

#### **About US Foods**

US Foods is one of America's great food companies and a leading foodservice distributor, partnering with approximately 250,000 restaurants and foodservice operators to help their businesses succeed. With nearly 25,000 employees and more than 60 locations, US Foods provides its customers with a broad and innovative food offering and a comprehensive suite of e-commerce, technology and business solutions. US Foods is headquartered in Rosemont, Ill. and generates approximately \$23 billion in annual revenue. Visit [usfoods.com](http://usfoods.com) to learn more.

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