



Alabama State Junior Chef Competition

The Alabama Child Nutrition School Programs Staff is pleased to announce the ninth annual **Alabama State Junior Chef Competition**! This culinary competition aims to inspire students to develop innovative dishes for their school lunch programs. It encourages engagement with school nutrition and offers a platform for students to showcase their culinary talents. **High school students** will gain valuable experience in recipe development, public presentation, teamwork, and local food systems.

The Alabama Junior Chef Competition aims to inspire students statewide to participate in creating healthier school meals, thereby improving present and future health. Beyond educating students about nutrition, the competition fosters interest in incorporating Alabama-grown products into Child Nutrition Programs. Furthermore, it inspires and prepares the next generation of food-service professionals. The top 7 teams will receive a \$750 reimbursement through their Child Nutrition Program to cover travel to the state competition.

December 5th, 2025

Deadline to submit your application packet.

December 19th, 2025

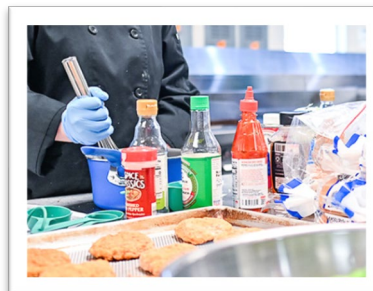
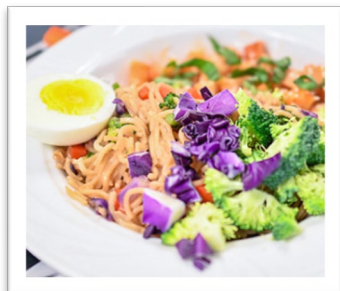
ALSDE announces the top 7 teams which will advance to the state competition.

January 23rd, 2026

Alabama Jr. Chef Competition
@ Jefferson State Community College
Shelby-Hoover Campus

April 23-24, 2026

Southeast Regional Junior Chef Competition
@ Jefferson State Community College
Shelby-Hoover Campus



If you have questions or have a team wishing to compete this year,
please email CNPNSLP@ALSDE.EDU

A copy of the registration packet will be provided upon request.

