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A nonprofit and multi-cultural school
Cape Town, South Africa*

2022 STUDENT APPLICATION

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Name: _____ Surname: _____ Today's date: _____

Age: _____ Female Male Phone: _____ ID: _____

Requirements for submitting this application

- 1) You must be at least **21 years of age** to be admitted to ICT.
- 2) **Please DO NOT apply to ICT if you are the sole or primary caretaker of a child under 2 years of age.** ICT strongly believes that a young child should have proper time with a caring parent and we know that the demands of the professional kitchen can easily interfere with important parental responsibilities. We never want you to have to choose between the care of your child and the demands of a job.
- 3) You must answer all questions on this application **truthfully and in your own handwriting.**
- 4) Each student must be able to provide his or her own **reliable accommodation in Cape Town and transport** to and from ICT each day for the entire 6 months of the course.
- 5) You must provide a **certified copy of your South African ID** along with your application, or a copy of your **international ID and proof of legal South African residence – and proof of your COVID-19 vaccination.**

*Filling out this application does **not** guarantee your acceptance to Infinity Culinary Training (ICT). All information provided will be kept confidential among ICT employees and its Board of Directors.*

There are ONLY two ways to submit this application

- 1) By email: applications@ictchefs.org
Emailed applications will receive an email confirmation of receipt
- 2) By post: Infinity Culinary Training, PO Box 96, Sea Point 8060, Cape Town
*Posted applications will receive **no confirmation of receipt***

*Once your application has been processed, we will phone you to arrange for a personal interview. You will be required to attend **three interviews** to qualify for acceptance.*

IMPORTANT NOTE: POLICE CLEARANCE

Everyone accepted to ICT must provide a certificate of police clearance or the application for one. A criminal record **will not automatically disqualify you** from being admitted to ICT. We consider each person on an individual, case-by-case basis. We encourage you to apply even if you have a criminal record.

SECTION 1 – BASIC INFORMATION

- 1) Where were you born? (town & province) _____
- 2) Current address: _____
- 3) Second phone number: _____ This person is a friend relative
- 4) Home Language: isiXhosa Afrikaans isiZulu English Other: _____
- 5) How well do you **speak, understand, read, write** English?
- Speak:** Excellent Very well Enough to get by Struggle a lot Very poor
- Understand:** Excellent Very well Enough to get by Struggle a lot Very poor
- Read:** Excellent Very well Enough to get by Struggle a lot Very poor
- Write:** Excellent Very well Enough to get by Struggle a lot Very poor
- 6) Have you ever applied to Infinity Culinary Training in the past? YES NO
If YES, how many times? _____ When did you apply? _____
- 7) Are you friends with anyone, or do you know anyone, who has attended ICT in the past? If yes, please give their names.
- 1) _____ 2) _____
- 8) Do you have matric? YES NO If YES, what year did you pass? _____
If YES, please **attach a copy of your final matric report.*
- If NO, did you write your matric exams? YES NO If YES, how many times? _____
If you did not pass matric, what is your **highest grade fully completed**? _____
- 9) Do you **ever** drink alcohol? YES NO Do you **ever** smoke dagga? YES NO
If YES, please explain how often.
- 10) How would you describe your eyesight? Excellent Good Fair Poor
Do you need eyeglasses? YES NO Do you currently wear eyeglasses? YES NO
- 11) Do you have any medical conditions or disabilities that could limit or influence your participation in class? YES NO If YES, please explain:
- 12) List the last three jobs you have had, dates worked, salary, reason for leaving.
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
- *Please attach your most recent CV, if applicable*

13) Do you know how to use a computer? YES NO

What programs or software do you know? _____

14) Have you taken **any additional skills courses** in any subjects or vocations? YES NO

If YES, please describe them.

**Please attach copies of all certificates of all skills courses completed.*

SECTION 2 – FAMILY & FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1) How many children do you have? _____ List their ages: _____

How many of your children stay with you? _____. If they do not stay with you, who is their primary caregiver and where does the caregiver stay?

2) Are you married? YES NO If YES, when were you married? _____

If YES, how many children do you have **with** your spouse? _____

If YES, how many **other children** does your spouse have? _____

3) How many people currently stay in your home and what is their relationship to you?

4) Do you or members of your family have any source of income? YES NO

If YES, who earns the salary? _____

What job(s) do they have? _____

How long have they had those jobs? _____ How much do they earn per month? _____

How many social grants come into your home each month? _____

5) Please explain how you will support yourself during your ICT training, including where you will get transport money to and from classes, and airtime and data for your phone.

6) Please provide **three references**, people you give us permission to contact and discuss you. **Do not include family members or friends.** Your references **must** be of current or past employers, teachers, mentors, pastors, community organizers, etc.

a) Name: _____ Position: _____ Phone: _____

b) Name: _____ Position: _____ Phone: _____

c) Name: _____ Position: _____ Phone: _____

SECTION 3 – YOUR HEALTH, LIFESTYLE AND SENSITIVE INFORMATION

1) Would you describe yourself as a “slow learner”? YES NO If you have had any specific learning disabilities or difficulty learning in school, please explain.

2) Have you ever been diagnosed with depression or felt depressed for more than 5 days in a row?
YES NO

3) List any medications you currently take, the reasons you take them, and how long you’ve been taking them.

4) On average, how many hours of sleep do you get per night? _____

5) Not including being sick or having flu, do you ever sleep during the day? YES NO
If YES, how many times per day do you sleep and how long do you sleep each time?

6) Describe the type and amount of physical exercise you get in an average day.

7) How much television do you watch in an average day? What kind of shows do you watch?

8) Have you ever done any volunteer work for any charity or nonprofit organization? YES NO
If YES, please tell us about it.

9) At any time in your life, have you experienced abuse or violence at home? YES NO

If YES, please say: A) when you experienced it, B) what kind of abuse or violence it was, C) explain what, if anything, you have done to stop it, D) has the abuse or violence stopped?

10) Have you ever been convicted of a crime? YES NO

If NO, **attach a copy of your recent police clearance or application for police clearance.*

If YES, **attach a copy of all paperwork relevant to the crime and/or conviction.*

SECTION 4 – YOUR PERSONALITY, EMOTIONS AND PHILOSOPHY

1) What are the three things you value most in life?

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

2) What are your three greatest personal strengths?

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

3) What are your three greatest personal weaknesses – OR – which negative parts of your personality or personal habits would you most like to change?

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

4) Name three people you admire and say why.

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

5) Name one person you dislike and say why.

6) Describe three things you think are necessary to make a successful person.

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

7) Describe three things you think will cause a person to lose a job or fail in life.

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

8) What makes you angry? What do you do when you are angry?

9) Do you ever feel like a victim? YES NO If YES, what makes you feel like a victim?

10) How do you feel when a teacher or supervisor criticizes you or your work?

11) Describe a recent situation you found stressful and how you handled it.

- 12) When was the last time you cried and why?

- 13) What scares you the most?

- 14) What is the proudest accomplishment of your life?

- 15) Most of us “Follow the crowd” in some ways. Take a moment to look at your life. Look at your relationship to your friends, family, community. Look at your daily activities and habits. In what ways do you “Follow the crowd?”

- 16) What do you feel or believe are the dangers if you don’t follow the crowd?

- 17) What do you believe is special about you, about your thought patterns, emotions, habits, hopes and dreams? In other words, **what is different about you from every other person you know?**

- 18) If you were in love with someone, and if your family, friends, or culture disapproved of that person, what would you do?

- 19) Aside from the physical ability to have a child, do you believe there are any differences between women and men? If so, what are they?

20) Does racism play any part in your daily life? YES NO If YES, please explain.

21) Do you believe racism plays any part, large or small, in daily life in South Africa?
YES NO If YES, please give examples of where you notice it the most.

22) Is there anything in your religion or personal beliefs that will stop you from working with
and/or tasting any particular kind of food? YES NO If YES, please explain.

23) What will you feel and do if you are not accepted to ICT?

24) Describe everything you do in a normal day of your life – from the minute you wake up till the
moment you go to sleep – all of your normal, everyday activities.

06:00 – 08:00 _____

08:00 – 10:00 _____

10:00 – 12:00 _____

12:00 – 14:00 _____

14:00 – 16:00 _____

16:00 – 18:00 _____

18:00 – 20:00 _____

20:00 – 22:00 _____

SECTION 5 – MONEY AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

1) Choose one:

I would accept a one-time government grant for R5 000 000 and agree to never work again a day in my life. “Never work” means *never* starting your own business.

I would refuse the grant and make no such agreement.

The reason for my choice is:

2) What do your family and friends expect you to do with your money once you start earning?
How do you feel about their expectations?

3) Go on the internet and find **one quote** that best expresses how you personally feel about money.
Look at many quotes before choosing. Write the quote and the name of the person who said it.

4) Create 3 personal budgets based upon you earning 3 different monthly salaries. Be specific on
A) the item you would spend money on, and B) the amount per month you would spend on each.

<u>R4 000 per month</u>		<u>R6 000 per month</u>		<u>R8 000 per month</u>	
<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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Must Total Exactly R4 000

Must Total Exactly R6 000

Must Total Exactly R8 000

SECTION 7 – SPECIAL COVID-19 INFORMATION**Please attach proof of your COVID-19 vaccination*

- 1) Have you ever had COVID-19? YES NO If YES, were you hospitalized? YES NO

If YES, please describe your symptoms, how long you took to recover, and how you felt emotionally when you had it.

If YES, are you 100% recovered now? YES NO

- 2) Has anyone staying with you ever tested positive for COVID-19? YES NO

If YES, who and when? _____

- 3) How many people over the age of 18 do you stay with? _____

How many of them have been vaccinated? _____

- 4) Of your family and close friends, how many have been vaccinated?

ALL MOST SOME NONE

- 5) Describe any lifestyle changes you have made as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- 6) Describe what you have been doing, feeling and thinking since the beginning of the pandemic?

- 7) Do you watch Cyril Ramaphosa on TV whenever he addresses the country on the pandemic?

YES NO SOMETIMES

What are your reasons for either watching or not watching?

- 8) What are your favourite sources for important news and information?

SECTION 8 – YOUR COMMITMENT

- 1) Can you promise to be in class Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, and work one day each weekend, either Saturday or Sunday? YES NO
- 2) Can you promise to work days, nights, weekends and public holidays? YES NO
- 3) Can you promise to be available to work in a Cape Town restaurant or hotel for a minimum of one year after completing ICT’s 7-month course? YES NO
- 4) Since you will earn no money for at least the first 4 months of attending ICT, can you promise to always have A) transport money to and from class and your work placement, and B) airtime and data on your phone? YES NO

Below are some of the requirements for attending ICT. Please read and make sure you understand each one. Place your initials after each requirement to indicate your agreement and promise to uphold each one.

I understand that **on-time, daily attendance in class – with no excuses – is required.** _____

I understand that **I must give 100% of my energy and attention to the class. I must try my hardest each day, every minute, and complete all tasks with a positive attitude.** _____

I understand that I must **be honest, respectful and outgoing, and that I must communicate in a full and friendly manner with my instructors and classmates.** _____

I understand that attending ICT is **a personal decision to uplift myself and to change my life for the better.** I understand that **the program may be difficult at times, and that I will face many personal challenges in order to grow.** I understand that **confronting my fears, personal barriers and overcoming negative habits** will be required to succeed. _____

I understand that ICT is not a quick fix to my personal or financial problems. ICT provides training for entry-level positions in the professional food-service industry. I understand that it takes many years of hard work and dedication to become a respected chef. I know that I will be starting at the bottom in any job and that I must be willing to be patient and **always do my best** in order to work my way up. _____

I understand that attending ICT comes with a social and personal responsibility. I must become a respected member of my class and community. I must set a positive example for other people. _____

I understand that I must be **drug-free and sober at all times.** _____

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I certify that the information provided in this document is true to the best of my knowledge and will be used to determine my eligibility to attend Infinity Culinary Training. I understand that this application DOES NOT guarantee my enrollment into any class and that, if I am accepted, any intentionally false statements made by me in this document may result in my immediate and permanent dismissal from Infinity Culinary Training.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Print Name: _____

CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

No application will be considered without all requested and applicable attachments.

Not everyone will need to send all of the documents listed below. Please mark each of your documents with the corresponding document letter below, such as “Document A.”

All attachments must be clear photocopies or clear scans of original documents. Printed photos (.jpg files) will NOT be accepted.

Document A – from cover page

A certified copy of your South African ID **or** a copy of your international ID. Foreign nationals must attach copies of ALL legal documents aside from ID, including a work visa.

Document B – from cover page and page 10

Proof of Covid-19 vaccination.

Document C – from page 1

A copy of your final matric report (if applicable).

Document D – from page 1

Your most recent and updated CV.

Document E – from page 2

All certificates from any other skills or vocational courses you have completed.

Document F – from cover page and page 4

A copy of your recent police clearance or application for recent police clearance. And, if applicable, a copy of all paperwork relevant to any crime and/or conviction.

For further information, please visit our website:
ictchefs.org

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