

# CULINARY STUDENTS

## it's Competition Time!



Mark Your Calendar

# Pears

Entries due • January 6, 2012

Finalists announced • Mid-January 2012

Judging in Portland • Early February 2012

**Grand prize winner will receive \$1,000 cash**  
**Second place winner - \$750 cash**  
**Third place winner - \$500 cash**

Three national finalists will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Portland, Oregon to prepare their dish for a panel of professional judges.



PLUS, the culinary department of each school with a winning entrant will receive \$250 for supplies or scholarship funds.

Recipes will be judged based on the following criteria:

- Prominent use of fresh USA Pears
- Originality
- Creativity
- Taste / Texture
- Appearance



Entries MUST include a digital photo of your plated dish. See [www.usapears.org/students.aspx](http://www.usapears.org/students.aspx) for complete contest terms and conditions - as well as for insPEARational ideas to get you started.

This contest is sponsored by the Pear Bureau Northwest, a non-profit marketing organization established in 1931 to represent the 1,600 pear growers of Oregon and Washington, home to 84 percent of the nation's fresh pear crop. Learn more at [usapears.org](http://usapears.org)!



2011 Student Chef Finalists

Fresh pears are so versatile the menu applications are endless! Paired with your creativity, pears can be baked, sautéed, puréed, grilled, diced, skewered... **start creating and let your ideas flow!**

**HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:** Fresh pears fit across all menu parts and day parts. So just create an original recipe using any variety of fresh USA Pears (Bartlett, Anjou, Comice, Seckel, Concorde, Forelle, Bosc, Starkrimson - NOTE recipes using Asian pears are not eligible) in any of the following categories:

breakfast • salad • soup • appetizer  
side dish • entrée • dessert

*Everyone wins!* Each entrant will receive a pear culinary gift by mail.

Enter online by January 6, 2012 at [www.usapears.org/students.aspx](http://www.usapears.org/students.aspx)



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