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IFSEA Social Media Presence:

Facebook Business Page -

- Industry trends and news shared from our members employers and business pages
- IFSEA Famous Members Spotlight
- Links to our newsletter and other important information
- One of the many ways to network with professionals in the industry

Link to page: <https://www.facebook.com/IFSEA.HQ>

Facebook Members Only Community -

- Members only access - All individuals must be approved to enter the group
- One of the many ways to network with professionals in the industry
- Units to complete to take full advantage of what IFSEA has to offer
- Mentoring available and highly encouraged
- Job Openings

Link to page: www.facebook.com/groups/ifseamembers

LinkedIn Business Page -

- Job Openings
- Industry trends and news shared from our members employers and business pages
- Links to our newsletter and other important information
- One of the many ways to network with professionals in the industry

Link to page: www.linkedin.com/company/ifsea

Instagram Community -

- Important information
- Showcase of our years as an organization
- Industry trends and news shared from our members employers and business pages
- One of the many ways to network with professionals in the industry

Link to page: www.instagram.com/ifsea.1901

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About IFSEA:

Link to website page: <https://www.ifsea.org/hospitality-careers.html>

Established in 1901, the International Food Service Executives Association (IFSEA) is the industry's oldest association for those furthering their hospitality careers. known for helping members and non-members earn food service certificates, scholarships, and more.

You can find our members in the following sectors of the Hospitality Industry:

Restaurants

Clubs

Catering Services

Bars

Nightclubs

Military Branches

Cruise Lines

Airlines

Corrections Facilities

Schools

Sports & Theme Parks

Distributors

Brokers

Food Equipment Manufacturers

Health Departments

...And More

IFSEA IS UNIQUE

IFSEA reaches beyond common culinary and restaurant professions, assisting professionals working behind the scenes and those seeking management roles as well. We hold annual conferences, culinary competitions, and award ceremonies to network and discuss current happenings, but mostly to have fun.

We also work on charitable programs such as certifications for homeless veterans. Our connections in the industry have helped countless individuals.

IFSEA membership is perfect for executive chefs, restaurant owners, catering directors, food suppliers, professionals, or students new to the industry. Let us help you broaden your skills and foster relationships needed to reach executive levels within the food service and hospitality industry.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

IFSEA's professional development programs focus on boosting your professional credibility. For example, earning your food service executive certification will enhance your resume while showcasing your talents, knowledge, and experience in the field. Our certifications include both food service and process/application, with certification practice exams available as well.

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Membership Dues:

Link to website page: <https://www.ifsea.org/members.html>

Paper applications are also available - link here: <https://www.ifsea.org/files/134634573.pdf>

Membership Level	Members in this Level	Fee
General Member	Standard level for hospitality professional	\$49
Student Member	Individuals currently enrolled as a full-time student or part-time student without full employment at a college/university/institution	\$25
Military (Active Duty or Retiree)	Membership for active duty, active guard, active reserves or retired from the military that served in a food service capacity	\$25
Over Age 65	For individuals age 65 or older	\$25
IFSEA Honorary Life	Individuals granted Life Membership, must be approved by IFSEA Board of Directors	\$25
Canadian Member	Individuals from Canada who wish to join IFSEA - standard level	\$37
	Age 65 or older	\$19
Residing Outside of North America	Individuals residing outside of North America	\$25
Unemployed due to COVID	Individuals who lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic (must fill out application for approval)	Free

Branch Levels	Members in this Level	Fee
Corporate Branch	Businesses joining IFSEA on the corporate level for their employees. Corporate Business membership includes 15 individuals. Each additional individual pays \$30.	\$550
Student Branch	Students joining IFSEA as a student branch of a college or school. Student membership includes 15 individuals. Each additional individual pays \$15.	\$280

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What do IFSEA Members get out of being a professional member?

- [Discounted Food Service Executive Certifications](#)
- [Access to Members Only Facebook Community](#)
- [Scholarships \(High School and College Students\)](#)
- Networking through multiple avenues
- Mentorship with Professional Industries
- [Member's employers or business content will be shared on our IFSEA social media accounts](#)
- Information on Job Openings & Posting
- Internship Opportunities
- Member's employers or business information will be listed on our website resources page
- Invites to IFSEA Meetups all over the country
- Education Seminars and Training Sessions via Zoom and at IFSEA Meetups
- Opportunities to attend and participate in Culinary Competitions
- Update on Industry Trends and News on our Facebook Page and in our Newsletter

IFSEA Certifications:

Link to website page: <https://www.ifsea.org/certifications.html>

[Master Certified Food Executive](#)

Our most prestigious level certification for Executive Chefs and top Food Service Executives looking to expand their knowledge beyond just food preparation, presentation and safety. Subject matter includes Food Service Management, Food Safety, HACCP, Customer Service, Purchasing, Storage and more including industry-related mathematical formulas. IFSEA is responsible for preparing, administering and scoring the academic tests.

[Certified Food Executive](#)

Our top-level certification built for food service directors, store managers and restaurant operators. Subject matter includes Food Service Manager, Food Safety, HACCP, Customer Service, Purchasing, Storage and more including industry-related mathematical formulas. IFSEA is responsible for preparing, administering and scoring the academic tests.

[Certified Food Manager](#)

Created for nursing home food service operations and other skilled care facilities. In nursing homes, the Food Director is required to be a Registered Dietitian (RD), Certified Manager (CM) or Certified Food Manager (CFM). Our certification is the least expensive of the three. IFSEA is responsible for preparing, administering and scoring academic tests.

[Certified Food Associate](#)

Aimed for high school students or recent graduates. Questions cover food safety, management, customer service, nutrition and culinary terminology to get students ready for real life experience in a food service establishment. The certification looks incredible on a resume and guarantees applicants stand out from the rest when applying for jobs.

We have partnered with the [Foodservice Institute](#) to offer you these career enhancing certifications!

All certifications are owned by the Global Foodservice Institute.

You must have a proctor to take the test. [Click Here](#) for proctor to sign up.

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Members Only Facebook Community:

This is a private Facebook Group created to help IFSEA members get all the benefits of being a member.

How it works:

1. Individual becomes a paid IFSEA Member
2. They will either be invited or will receive a link to the page to request to be a part of the community (link below)
3. They will be asked to answer three questions:
 - a. Are you a paid IFSEA Member?
 - b. Where do you work?
 - c. What type of information do you hope to see in this group?
4. Once they have been approved into the group (if you are invited by an admin, you will be automatically approved) they will be a part of a welcome post that tells them all the ways they will benefit from the page.
5. The benefits include: Networking with everyone within the group, posting job opens, being a mentor or finding a mentor, industry news and information, and going through the units to take advantage of the benefits.
6. The units are setup in a specific order, the members will be asked to start at the beginning and complete each. By doing all the items they will see all the benefits of being a member. As we grow their will be more units added. Right now, the units are:
 - a. Connecting with all IFSEA [Social Media accounts](#)
 - b. Signing up for [Certifications](#)
 - c. Signing up to be a mentor or finding a mentor
 - d. [Applying and/or donating to scholarships](#)
 - e. Sign up for an IFSEA Networking Zoom Call (coming soon)
 - f. [Host a Meetup](#) (coming soon)
 - g. [Create a branch](#) (coming soon)
7. Whether members complete the units or not they will be able to post hospitality related content including promotions as long as it pertains to hospitality
8. Admins and moderators will ensure a friendly atmosphere is accomplished

Link to invite paid members: www.facebook.com/groups/ifseamembers

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Ways IFSEA is helping those affected by COVID:

Free Membership to those who lost their job due to the COVID -19 Pandemic:

- Individuals will need to fill out a small form with basic information prior to approval

Link to sign up: <https://ifseamembers.wildapricot.org/Join-Us>

Questions? Email Headquarters at hq@ifsea.org

Assistance with Certifications:

- Those that have lost their jobs due to COVID will have the opportunity to take discounted, pay later or free certifications
- This is an effort to help those in their career move forward during this difficult time

Email our Certification Chairman to sign up ed@ifsea.org

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IFSEA Scholarships:

Link to website page: <https://www.ifsea.org/college-scholarships.html>

Are you a college or high school student?
Do you plan to pursue a career in the Hospitality Industry?
APPLY FOR AN IFSEA SCHOLARSHIP!

Through our partnership, with the Worthy Goal Scholarship and Kae DeBrent Hodges Fund, IFSEA offers scholarships to high school graduates, undergraduate students, and vocational school students.

We have several scholarships to offer to students:

1. Worthy Goal Scholarship - Awarded in the amounts of \$500 to \$2500 to a student enrolled or accepted as a full-time student at a two- or four- year college or university.
2. Named Scholarships - We have currently eight (8) scholarships named after those who provided the funds or another entity funded in an individuals honor: Aloha Hawaii Branch (\$2000), Faulstich Family (\$2000), South Carolina Palmetto Branch (\$2000), Detroit Branch (\$1000), Dunsmoor Family (\$1000), Guam Branch (\$1000), Lowe Family (\$1000) & Reno-Tahoe Branch (\$1000)
3. Kae DeBrent Hodges Fund - Established from the late Kae DeBrent Hodges, often considered the matriarch of IFSEA, to provide support for students. Kae was a very active member of IFSEA and supported the organization in many ways. She left her estate to be administered by two trustees to find ways to support and encourage students. To that end, the trustees annually find ways to provide financial support to students whether civilian or military to help enhance their Hospitality Industry knowledge.

[Apply Now!](#)

[Donate Now!](#)

Full Link for apply now:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2WG2qkQqZ-4-9gvTWRPXkZAxaa7IyGODA6MCnixb0vBU2xg/viewform>

Full link for donate now:

<https://ifseamembers.wildapricot.org/Donate>

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Host a Meetup:

With meetups there are no agendas, no speeches, no bylaws - it's a gathering for like-minded people to network and talk!

Here are some suggestions by Mr. Ed Manley (Chair-Elect Emeritus) of how to get a meetup started:

1. Approach a restaurant or bar, find out if any would be willing to give your group a discount if they bring 10 or more people to their establishment for a meetup.
2. No host payment - everyone pays for their own food and drinks
3. Tell everyone it's open invitation, friends can invite friends.
4. At the meeting you can bring up IFSEA is different ways:
 - a. Have signage and a table that has information about IFSEA
 - b. Stop at some point in the night and welcome everyone, talk about the history of IFSEA and how to join
 - c. Collect emails and send them information about IFSEA
 - d. Talk about it leisurely with the guests
5. Ask if others are willing to host a meetup as well or see if everyone is happy meeting in the same place
6. If you get 15 people signed up - you have a [branch](#)

Meetups are FUN! We suggest you make them for everyone and not just members only. Once they network with locals at the meetups and become a member, they will begin to network with others in the organization via Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Meetups thrown by other IFSEA members throughout the country and by Zoom calls.

Through meetups you can develop projects to help your community and the hospitality industry. Such as:

1. Assisting homeless veterans
2. Teach and certify
3. Support the local food bank
4. Adopt a student branch at a local school

How to Start a Branch:

We strongly encourage that you begin with hosting meetups, this will show potential members what IFSEA is and help them see what IFSEA can do for them.

Even as a branch we don't require you to have bylaws and boards but if that is what you want, then we will gladly support your efforts and help you achieve success.

The only requirement - you must have 15 signed up as members to be considered an IFSEA Branch.

Once you have 15 people signed up Headquarters will ensure you are listed on the membership portal for others to join as well.

We have [paper applications](#) for anyone who doesn't have access to a computer, tablet or mobile phone.

When you have branch you can host meetups via zoom or in person. IFSEA can and will assist with marketing these [meetups](#) for you on our social media platforms.

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Stories from our Members:

Alysha Brooks, Director of Development:

“In 2012, I joined IFSEA as a student at Morrisville State College. That year the club was going to go to a conference in San Diego, California and I had been dreaming of visiting Cali my whole life! My only intention was to soak in all the sun and see the Pacific Ocean, I had no idea my life was going to change FOREVER. As we began attending seminars, I felt a feeling I had never felt before - belonging. Every single person introduced themselves with a smile, wanted to know my goals and plans, gave me advice, told me stories and made me feel a part of something. I left that conference excited! My passion for the industry kept growing each year I was a part of IFSEA. To this day, I have several mentors through this incredible organizations that cares about me and my career.

When I was asked to be the Director of Development, I was terrified! What could I do? This organization is incredible, and I was unsure how I could make an impact. What I learned was this, IFSEA gives you a free space to be creative, to try ideas, to think outside the box and to get ideas from like-minded people.

I thank IFSEA every day for the confidence, knowledge and love they have shown me and continue to show me as I move forward in my path in life.”

Jayne Peterson, Board of Director:

“My grandfather founded R.L. Schreiber. He was a veteran and a great salesman. A personal goal I always had was to help the company explore doing business with the military as I know it would be my grandpa's greatest honor.

When I joined the family business, upon looking through old photo albums and different pieces of history, I came across an award he received from IFSEA. Having never heard of this organization before and having been on the lookout for organizations to join and begin networking with, I looked up IFSEA's website and filled out a form to request more information.

Ed wrote back. He and I did not know each other, as I was four when my grandpa passed away. After a few emails back and forth, Ed put the connection together and figured out who I was. He replied back changing the subject line of our email thread to, "You Just Met One of Your Grandpa's Favorite People in the World!" From there, we became great friends too, got together for lunch with the whole Schreiber family, and Ed and I began strategizing on how we could help each other. He invited me to attend the Military Culinary Competition he put on in D.C. I attended and was introduced to many great contacts. I kept in touch with the contacts I met at the Military Culinary Competition and began attending more military events across the country. After bringing information from these events back to our company, we eventually began conversations with one of those contacts to try and get our products approved for sale to the military, and recently we were approved! I am very proud to have helped my company discover this opportunity and I owe it to Ed and IFSEA for allowing me to learn and get an initial introduction to the possibilities that are out there.”

Ed Manley, Chairman of Interested and Involved People (CIIP)

“As a hospital food service director, I reached out to and hired the S. Florida Branch President and President-Elect as my chef and assistant. Every time I needed a chef spot filled, I would again get my IFSEA buddies to put out the word and find great employees.”

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David Kinney, IFSEA Headquarters Treasurer and Secretary:

“IFSEA provided me an education in the foodservice and hospitality industries as I entered the industries later in life. I learned from many members going back to Vince Paris and encountering many more members throughout the the years. The ongoing education, certification and conferences all provided great opportunities to advance my knowledge and experiences.”

Richard Weil, Chairman of the Board:

“Networking, business and personal relationships throughout the 38 plus years I have been a member plus invaluable experiences in working with food service professionals and so many other wonderful people all these years. Being chairman of the board has been a wonderful and humbling experience.”

Mario Bolanos, President of the IFSEA Las Vegas So-Cal Branch:

“IFSEA has helped me network and get the proper certifications as a chef. I am excited to take on the role as now a president of the Las Vegas So-Cal Branch.”

To add your story and be featured on our IFSEA Pages please fill out the following:

<https://forms.gle/VtD3ci8gPqyvrvkH28>