



Chef Participant FAQ

What is the Hawai'i Food & Wine Festival?

The Hawai'i Food & Wine Festival (HFWF) is the premier epicurean event in the Pacific, which takes place annually during Fall in Hawai'i. Taking place over the course of three weeks on three main Hawaiian Islands, the festival features over 110 renowned chefs, wine and spirit producers, and culinary presenters. Alongside the grand lineup of culinary personalities, the festival aims to feature local talent from culinary students to farmers, as well as local produce and products from the islands. The HFWF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Over the last seven years, the festival has donated more than \$2 million to Hawai'i-based nonprofits with an emphasis on support for culinary arts and local agriculture.

When will the 2018 festival be held?

The 2018 HFWF will be held from October 6 – 28, 2018 on the Island of Hawai'i, Maui and O'ahu. Below are the event dates for each island:

Island of Hawai'i:	October 6, 2018
Maui:	October 19 – 21, 2018
Oahu:	October 24 – 28, 2018

As a chef, how can I participate?

At the end of each festival cycle, co-chairs, chefs Alan Wong and Roy Yamaguchi meet with the HFWF team and create a lineup of guest chefs based on recommendations, relationships, and current news on up-and-coming talent. To be considered, please fill out the Chef Participant Application and submit to the culinary coordinator, Rya Sekimoto at Rya@hawaiifoodandwinefestival.com.

What is included for participating as a guest chef?

The festival covers the cost of the guest chef's round-trip business class ticket and their hotel accommodations at a partnering resort/hotel. Guest chefs are allowed to bring an assistant or two depending on their event size and location. Each assistant receives a round-trip coach class ticket and hotel accommodations at a partnering resort/hotel. Additionally, the festival's culinary team procures products, equipment, and plate ware for the chefs. The HFWF does not pay a talent fee for guest chefs and presenters.

Hawaiian Airlines (HA) is the festival's airline sponsor and all chefs are booked on HA. If there is no HA gateway at the chefs' designated airport, chefs and assistants may be rerouted to the nearest HA gateway.

Should you have any additional questions or need more information, please feel free to contact Rya Sekimoto at (808) 738-6245 or Rya@hawaiifoodandwinefestival.com.