



Bread Bakers Guild Team USA 2008 Application Process



Positions on Bread Bakers Guild Team USA 2008 are open to any American baker who qualifies. The team will be composed of three bakers, each specializing in one of three categories: Baguette and Specialty Breads, Viennoiserie, or Artistic Design.

Qualification criteria are as follows:

- The applicant must submit his/her application before August 31, 2006, with a \$50.00 application fee. Fee should be made payable to The Bread Bakers Guild of America.
- Applicant must submit a videotape (maximum ten minutes) which clearly demonstrates the applicant's familiarity with baking equipment, processes, and finished product within the category for which the baker is applying.
- If the applicant wishes to apply for more than one category, he or she must submit a separate application with fee and videotape for each category.
- Applicant must be willing and able to practice with the team during 6 – 8 four-day sessions and one week intensive training prior to the Coupe du Monde.
- Applicant must demonstrate teamwork ability and be willing to share baking knowledge for the benefit of the team.
- Applicant must sign the agreement on the back of the application.

All applications submitted will be evaluated and the list of regional finalists will be determined by the Bread Bakers Guild Team USA committee. Any applicant who does not meet the basic criteria, or whose videotape does not demonstrate the basic skills necessary to his/her category, will be eliminated.

Regional finalists of the application process will be invited to one of three regional competitions. The regional competition will be comprised of a short written exam and practical test. The written exam will determine the applicant's basic knowledge of baking fundamentals. The practical test will demonstrate the applicants' baking skills. The practical test will also evaluate cleanliness, orderliness and product.

The team regionals will be held on the following dates at the following locations: Midwest - September 30-October 2, Kendall College, Chicago, IL; West - October 13-15, Scottsdale Culinary Institute, Scottsdale, AZ; East - October 27-29, Johnson & Wales University, Providence, RI.

Three national finalists will be chosen in each category from the three regional competitions.

The final three competitors will be determined at the team nationals to be held during Camp Bread 2007, May 20-22, at the San Francisco Baking Institute.

If, for any reason, a team finalist cannot fulfill his or her team obligations, the second highest scoring competitor in that category will be named to the team in his or her place.