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## **The National ProStart Invitational**

The National ProStart Invitational (NPSI) is the country's premier secondary school competition focused on restaurant management and culinary arts. Annually, nearly 400 student competitors put their skills to the test in front of industry leaders, NRAEF Trustees, state restaurant associations, and family and friends - all with hopes of earning coveted scholarships from the nation's premier culinary and restaurant management programs.

NPSI is the finale of a nationwide series of state competitions hosted by partner state restaurant associations. For each respective competition - culinary or management - students must impress judges from leading industry corporations, colleges, and universities with skills

## Hotel Information

## **How the Competition Works**

The National ProStart Invitational is composed of two distinct competitions – management and culinary – that showcase the most important skills needed on either side of the restaurant and foodservice industry. For each respective competition students must impress judges from leading industry corporations, colleges, and universities with skills they’ve developed through ProStart.

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## **Management**

Management teams develop a proposal for the next promising restaurant concept and present it to a panel of industry judges. Next, their problem solving skills are tested as they quickly solve challenges faced by managers daily.

## **Culinary**

The culinary competition highlights each team’s creative abilities through the preparation of a three-course meal in 60 minutes, using only two butane burners, and without access to running water or electricity. There is no room for

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The top five teams from the culinary and management competitions are awarded generous educational scholarships to help further their careers in the restaurant and foodservice industry. In 2017, more than \$1 million in scholarships was awarded to students by the NRAEF and leading academic institutions.

In addition, all competitors are encouraged to take full advantage of competing at the National ProStart Invitational by networking with other students and industry professionals in attendance.

## **2017 National ProStart Invitational Winners**

### **First Place - Culinary**

*Team Ohio from Polaris Career Center*

### **First Place - Restaurant Management**

*Team Michigan from Saginaw Career Complex*

### **Second Place - Culinary**

*Team Guam from Okkodo High School*

### **Second Place - Restaurant Management**

*Team South Carolina from Anderson Career & Technology Center*

### **Third Place - Culinary**

*Team Texas from Rockwall High School*

### **Third Place - Restaurant Management**

*Team Maryland from George Washington Carver Center for Arts & Technology*

### **Fourth Place - Culinary**

*Team Kansas from Olathe Public School*

**Fifth Place – Culinary**

*Team South Carolina from Anderson Career & Technology Center*

**Fifth Place – Restaurant Management**

*Team Connecticut from Wilbur Cross High School*

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