

Ices Certified Judges Program Overview

- Prerequisite Qualifications
 1. A Certified Judge Candidate must be an ICES member.
 2. A Certified Judge Candidate must have studied extensively in cake decorating and related sugar arts.
 3. A candidate must have taken professional sugar art classes and must submit three (3) certificates of class completion for a total of 15 or more hours in various techniques and/or mediums before apprenticing.
 4. A candidate must have been a contestant in a judged sugar art competition.
 5. A candidate must attend and complete all nine (9) hours of the ICJ Class, and submit the Class Participation Certificate before taking the test.
 6. A candidate must score 80 points or higher on the test before entering the Apprenticeship Phase.
 7. A candidate that has successfully completed the Apprenticeship will receive ICJ status.

Program Syllabus:

- **Step 1.** Class– is open to all ICES members who want to take it, even if they don't want to become a judge, but want to improve their competition skills. Students are required to attend the nine-hour class taught by ICES Certified Judges. Class fee is \$150.00/non-convention \$180.00. Session #1– Six hours of class room education. Session #2– Three hours of cake room observation using live sugar art displays for critique experience.
Step 2. Test– Take the one hundred (100) question test within two (2) hours and receive a score of 80 points or more. A passing grade is required before entering the Apprenticeship Phase. Test fee is \$50.00.
Step 3. Apprenticeship Phase– A novice judge must apprentice with any ICJ at two different cake competitions (preferably two (2) different ICJs). If the candidate successfully passes the apprenticeship phase, he/she will receive the ICJ title. No additional fee.
Step 4. The recipients can receive their certificate, pin, and patch immediately (paying for shipping) and will be formally announced at the ICES Awards Banquet, in the newsletter, and on social media.

Steps 1 thru 3 must be completed within a two-year time frame.

- ICJ Rules:
 1. An ICJ must be an ICES member. If membership lapses the ICJ title will be forfeited and name removed from the ICES Certified Judge list.
 2. An ICJ must renew his/her ICES Certified Judge Agreement every three (3) years to help keep the information on the Certified Judge list current. He/she will not have to be re-approved as long as membership stays current. This is not a commitment for three years and an ICJ may be removed from the list by submitting a request in writing to the ICES Certification Chairman at any time.
 3. An ICJ must keep abreast of current trends, and continue to study new sugar art techniques to avoid recusing oneself from judging a category in which there is an

unfamiliar technique.

4. ICJs must be willing to mentor apprentice judges.

5. The ICJ must complete and submit a Mentor Form within thirty (30) days after each competition where an apprentice shadowed this ICJ mentor.

6. ICES may investigate any complaints against an ICJ. If the Certification Committee finds the complaints are in violation of the ICJ rules, the committee may sanction the ICJ up to and including revocation of the ICJ certification.

7. Retirement- An ICJ may request changing his/her status to “retired” when he/she can no longer participate in the program.