



{ Hawsworth Young Chef Scholarship }

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"My first big break was getting the Executive Sous Chef job at Sutton Place, which turned into a Chef job within two months. I was twenty-five years old... and it was a huge catapult for me. Whoever wins this competition, even the young chefs that come in the top three, are instantly catapulted into a new category." **Mark McEwan** remembers his first steps on the road to success, where he developed a keen eye for spotting top talent in the culinary arena. The Food Network Head Judge now knows the best place to look for the next **Top Chef** is among the young chefs. That's exactly why he heeded the call of superstar chef David Hawsworth to judge this year's **Hawsworth Young Chef Scholarship**.

This Sunday, ten red seal chefs, all under the age of 28, will create a main course for four with a limited pantry and just two hours to work with. The top three victors will then have two hours and fifteen minutes to prepare and plate a main course and dessert from the ingredients provided in a black box challenge. The competitors include:

Mark Andrew Brown - 27, Ayr, ON
Ross Derrick - 27, Winnipeg, MB
Arnie Mitchell Guieb - 23, Vancouver, BC
Talib Hudda - 24, Sherwood Park, AB
Carmen Ingham - 27, North Vancouver, BC
Hayden Johnston - 24, Thunder Bay, ON
John Ly - 24, Vancouver, BC
Brad Masciotra - 23, London, ON
Paul Moran - 26, Kelowna, BC
Garrett Rotel - 21, Calgary, AB

Pride, prestige and a \$10,000 prize rest on the palettes of the esteemed judging panel, which includes Food Network Canada's Mark McEwan and **Vikram Vij**, who are working more than their marking pens on Sunday. The judges themselves will each create a course for the scholarship's gala fundraising dinner, which is open to the public. Tickets are still available for \$140 and \$218 with wine pairings. Reservations can be made by calling (604) 673-7000.

If you can't make it out there this weekend, follow **FoodNetworkCA on Instagram** for a live look at the competition as it unfolds!