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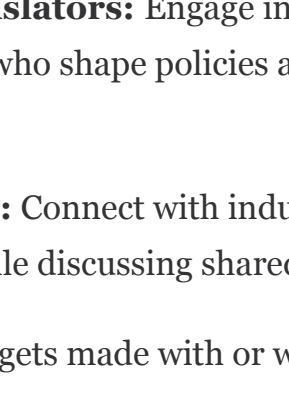
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## In today's March 23, 2026 Update:

- **Hospitality Day at the Capitol - April 8:** [Join Other Hospitality Leaders in St. Paul](#)
- **2026 Scholarship Breakfast - May 5:** [Register today to celebrate hospitality's next generation](#)
- **Hotels on the Hill - May 12-13:** [Join American Hotel & Lodging Association in Washington D.C.](#)
- **Evolve Your Restaurant with RestaurantOwner.Com:** [Operational Resources Available](#)
- **NRA Food Show May 16-19:** [Contact Andrea](#) for Discounted Registration Fees
- **Secure Choice Retirement Program:** [Voluntary Enrollment Open](#)
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## Advocate for Hospitality at Our 2026 Day at the Capitol



### HOSPITALITY MINNESOTA DAY AT THE CAPITOL 2026

APRIL 8, 2026 | MINNESOTA STATE CAPITOL

**Calling all advocates:** A limited number of spots remain to join hospitality leaders from across the state for [Hospitality Day at the Capitol on April 8, 2026 at the Minnesota State Capitol](#).

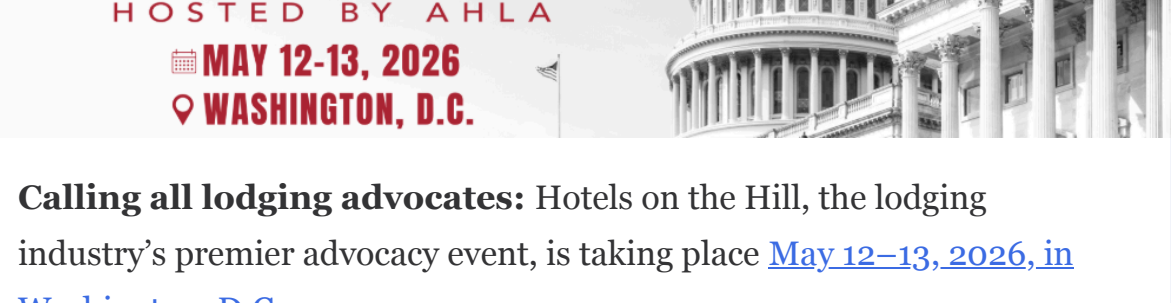
#### What to Expect:

- **Briefing Session:** Learn about current legislative priorities and how to effectively share your story with lawmakers.
- **Meetings with Legislators:** Engage in meaningful conversations with elected officials who shape policies affecting your business and community.
- **Networking Lunch:** Connect with industry professionals and legislative leaders while discussing shared industry goals.

**The bottom line:** Policy gets made with or without us. These are your chances to make sure it's *with* us.

[Register Now!](#)

## Join Hospitality's Future for the 2026 Scholarship Breakfast



**You're invited:** Join us for [our annual Scholarship Breakfast on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM](#).

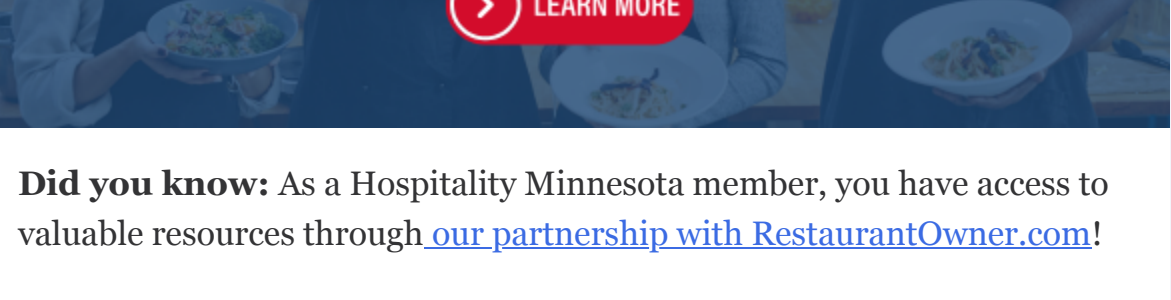
- **Some background:** Since 2006, the Hospitality Minnesota Education Foundation has awarded nearly \$1 MILLION in scholarships to over 400 MN students pursuing their education in foodservice and hospitality programs.

**Interested in sponsoring?** Support the event and showcase your brand by becoming a sponsor! [Check out our sponsorship opportunities today.](#)

- **Industry leaders:** Contribute to our scholarship funds by [donating here](#).

[Register Here!](#)

## Hoteliers: Take Advantage of Complimentary Registration for Hotels on the Hill



**Calling all lodging advocates:** Hotels on the Hill, the lodging industry's premier advocacy event, is taking place [May 12-13, 2026, in Washington, D.C.](#)

- **Why it matters:** Direct advocacy results in change. In-person advocacy remains our strongest avenue for effective advocacy.

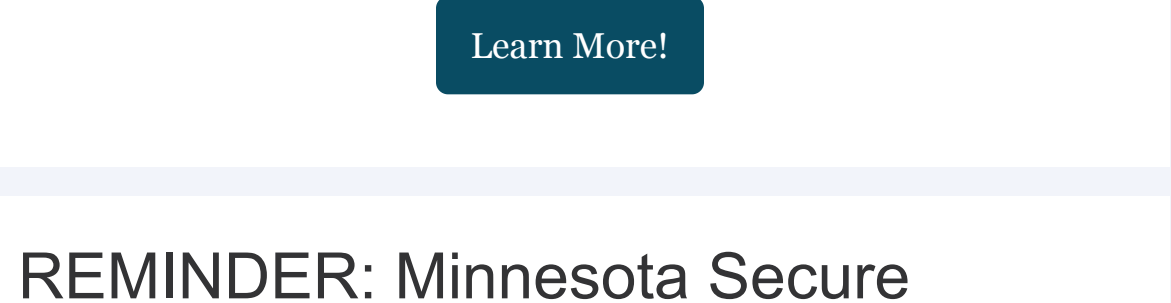
**By the numbers:** Some wins that AHLA has secured through various in-person activations include:

- **More H-2B visas:** DHS released an additional 35,000 H-2B visas at the end of 2025 after the Resort Committee met with key appropriators to discuss the need for the release of supplemental visas.
- **A freeze on furnishing tariffs:** Industry leaders met with the White House to discuss the impact furnishing tariffs would pose, resulting in a one-year delay on tariff increases to furniture, vanities, and kitchen cabinets.

**Complimentary registration:** To remove barriers to participation, AHLA has announced registration will be free for AHLA members this year.

[Register for Free NOW!](#)

## Maximize Your Business Potential with RestaurantOwner.Com



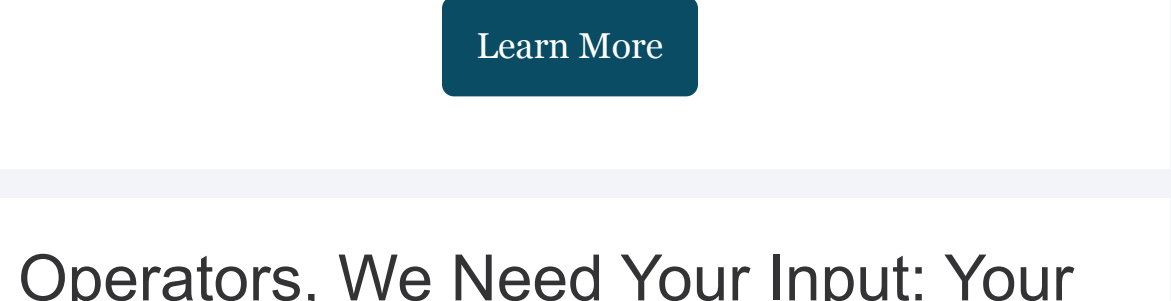
**Did you know:** As a Hospitality Minnesota member, you have access to valuable resources through [our partnership with RestaurantOwner.com!](#)

- **What to expect:** Through your association membership, your business is eligible for special pricing on essential tools designed to boost your restaurant's performance.

**Maximize your membership!** Explore these resources and your exclusive pricing [here](#).

[Learn More!](#)

## Don't Miss the 2026 National Restaurant Show May 16-19



**NRA Food Show Returns:** The National Restaurant Association's Food Show is [returning to McCormick Place in Chicago, May 16-19, 2026](#).

- **What attendees can expect:** As the world's largest gathering of foodservice professionals, this gathering is the can't miss event of the year for those interested in exploring culinary innovation, test new equipment, and connect with global industry leaders.

**Member Perk:** Hospitality Minnesota members are eligible for exclusive registration discounts.

- **Next step:** [Email Andrea](#), our Membership Manager, to claim your discount code before you register.

[Learn More!](#)

## REMINDER: Minnesota Secure Choice Retirement Program Enrollment Now Open

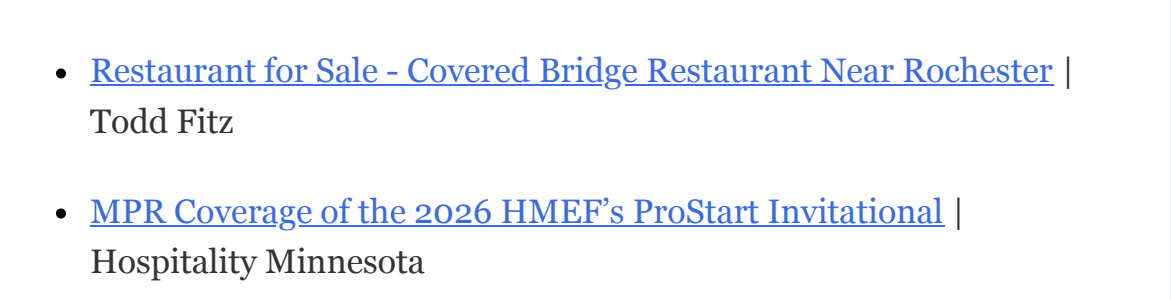


**Voluntarily enroll today:** The [Minnesota Secure Choice Retirement Program](#) is a state-facilitated, employer-supported retirement program that bridges the retirement savings gap for hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans.

- **Dates to remember:** Voluntary enrollment is live now through March 30, with April 1 being the first wave of registration/opt out selection for employers with 100 or more employees.

[Learn More](#)

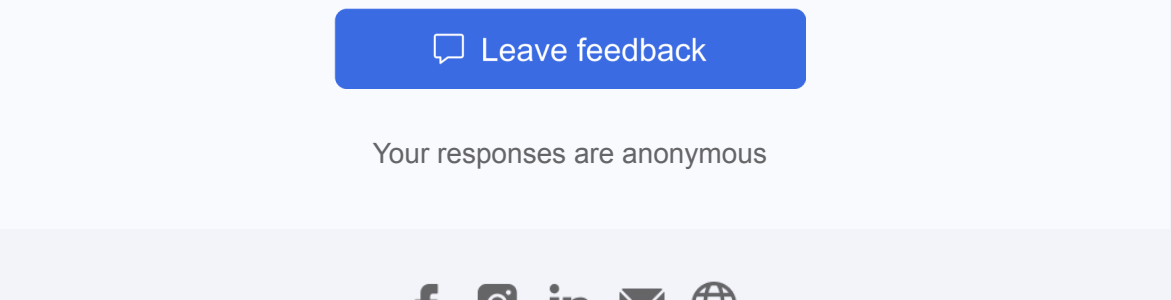
## Operators, We Need Your Input: Your Experiences Shape Policy



**Share your perspective:** Hospitality Minnesota is collecting member feedback on the state's Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) program to shape our advocacy strategy for the 2026 legislative session.

[Share Your Experience](#)

## ServSafe Classes Near You



**Did you know:** Minnesota law requires at least one certified food manager on staff at nearly every food establishment.

[Check this calendar](#) for all upcoming ServSafe classes!

- [Rochester - March 30](#)
- [Owatonna - March 31](#)
- [Woodbury March 31](#)
- [Minneapolis - April 1](#)
- [Plymouth - April 7](#)
- [Duluth - April 8](#)

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## In the News

- [Restaurant for Sale - Covered Bridge Restaurant Near Rochester](#) | Todd Fitz
- [MPR Coverage of the 2026 HMEF's ProStart Invitational](#) | Hospitality Minnesota
- [Pajarto closes St. Paul restaurant after a decade on West Seventh](#) | Bring Me The News
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