

Hospitality Minnesota Education Foundation Scholarship Criteria

Academic Scholarship for High School Seniors, GED Graduates, or Undergraduate Students Pursuing Foodservice, Lodging or Hospitality Degrees

- 1. Student <u>must</u> be a resident of Minnesota.
- Student <u>must</u> be pursuing a hospitality or foodservice (not food science) culinary arts degree at an accredited post-secondary institution. Full-time and part-time students are eligible (with a minimum of nine credit hours). This is not limited to schools in Minnesota.
- 3. The HMEF Board maintains the right to disapprove of the educational institution or program in which the student is enrolled.
- Student <u>must have a minimum 2.5 GPA</u> in high school (11th & 12th grades) or current college GPA.
- 5. Student is required to submit an essay as outlined on the scholarship application.
- 6. Student must submit at least two letters of recommendation from persons other than family. We suggest both academic and employment references.
- 7. Students are required to submit official high school or college transcripts.
- 8. Preference will be given to students who are graduates of the ProStart or HTMP programs.

Scholarship Denominations, Payment & Eligibility

- 1. The Hospitality Minnesota Education Foundation (HMEF) Board of Directors & Scholarship Committee will determine denominations of each scholarship given.
- 2. Scholarship awards will be limited to academic tuition and paid directly to the educational institution. The institution will contact HMEF requesting funds and verify that the student has completed his/her coursework satisfactorily.
- 3. <u>Students may reapply for a scholarship annually</u> if they demonstrate a 2.5 Grade Point Average and provide a letter of recommendation from a faculty member.
- 4. The HMEF Board of Directors will make the determination of annual scholarships based on funds available and applicant pool.
- 5. Relatives of the members of the HMEF Board of Directors are ineligible.
- 6. Relatives of contributors are eligible, as are students who are also employed by contributing companies.
- 7. Relatives of the directors or officers of the MRA, MLA and MRCA Boards will be eligible, so long as they do not serve on the HMEF Board of Directors.
- 8. To ensure unbiased scholarship awards, a selection committee will use a standard application and scoring system based on academics, community involvement, hospitality experience, and a submitted essay.

Educator's Scholarships

Teacher scholarships may be provided to attend ProStart or HTMP training on a funds available basis.

'Heart of Hospitality' Scholarship

Two 'Heart of Hospitality' Scholarships may be awarded annually to a ProStart student and a HTMP student that don't meet the Foundation's required academic criteria. Students must apply using the same application form. A ProStart or HTMP teacher must provide a recommendation for this specific scholarship. Award may be up to \$1,000 each and will be determined by the HMEF Board of Directors & Scholarship Committee.