



2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The hospitality industry needs future leaders.

The purpose of our scholarship is to financially assist Illinois residents who have demonstrated a desire to make the hotel and hospitality industry a career. Scholarships may be available in amounts ranging from \$1,000 up to \$5,000 per academic year. This application will be considered for the 2012-2013 academic year. Each student applicant must comply with the eligibility and selection criteria and requirements of the IHLA Educational Foundation Scholarship Program. Winners of named awards will not be eligible for the same the following year.

We wish you the greatest success in achieving your academic and career goals. And now, we invite you to apply.

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE IF:

- You are a student enrolled full-time (12 credit hours) in an accredited college or university hotel and/or hospitality degree granting management program anywhere in the U.S. Or,
- You are a student enrolled in at least six credit hours per semester in an accredited college or university hotel and/or hospitality management degree granting program and are also employed a minimum of 20 hours per week in the hospitality industry. Or,
- You are a high school senior or graduate who plans to enroll in an accredited college or university hotel and/or hospitality management degree granting program anywhere in the U.S.

AND

- You are a permanent resident of Illinois and a U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident for at least twelve (12) months at the time of application.

THE SELECTION CRITERIA REQUIRES:

- A maintained Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.5/4.0 or 3.5/5.0 (C+).
- A typed essay outlining your career goals in the hotel and/or hospitality industry. See **Enclosures**.
- Your extracurricular activities and accomplishments within the past two years. This should include, but not be limited to, school, community and charitable activities.
- Two letters of recommendation, one from an education professional and one from a current or former employer or industry professional.

Please note:

- Your ACT/SAT scores may be requested at any time throughout the selection process.
- If selected, you will be asked to attend a personal interview with the Scholarship Selection Committee. Interviews will be conducted in June at the IHLA Educational Foundation office, 27 East Monroe, Suite 1200, Chicago.
- Your completed application, together with all required enclosures must be submitted to the IHLA Educational Foundation and postmarked no later than May 2, 2012.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 2, 2012

EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT

List all school, community and volunteer activities in which you have participated. Indicate all special awards, honors, and offices held. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Activity	No. of Years	Awards & Honors	Offices Held

ENCLOSURES

Please include the following items to ensure your application is deemed complete:

1. A typed essay answering 1.) Why do you wish to pursue a career in the hotel and/or hospitality industry? 2.) Describe your hotel career goals.
2. Two letters of recommendation, one from an education professional and one from a current or former employer or industry professional.
3. For High School applicants, most recent high school or GED transcript including grade point average. For college level applicants, current official transcripts.

Applications must be fully complete and postmarked by May 2, 2012.

Incomplete applications will not be submitted for judging. The awarding of scholarships is the sole discretion of the IHLA Educational Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee. *Preference is given to those candidates who are interested in careers in the hotel industry.*

Please submit to:

IHLA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
Attn: Jennifer Chase, Managing Director
27 East Monroe, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois 60603
Tel: 312-346-3135 ext. 233 jchase@ihlaef.org

CERTIFICATION

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide proof of the information that I have given on this form.

YOUR SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Thank you for completing this application. We look forward to reviewing your information and will be contacting you regarding your application status.