

2024



## Washington Hospitality Foundation Scholarship Program

The Washington Hospitality Foundation (“WHF”) offers scholarships for students interested in or currently pursuing careers in the hospitality industry. As a dedicated organization, we strive to support the future academic and career success of students interested in the fields of study and career opportunities available in hospitality.

The **HAWDC Chairman’s Award for Leadership** recognizes the exceptional accomplishments of students enrolled in hospitality-related programs. The scholarships are awarded based on academic performance, enthusiasm for the field of hospitality, demonstrated leadership skills, and active participation in extracurricular activities.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

To qualify for our scholarship, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be pursuing a Bachelor's Degree on a full-time basis at an accredited four year college or university, majoring in Hospitality or a Hospitality-related field.
- Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 during your university studies.

In addition to meeting the criteria above, applicants must submit an essay of at least 350 words in length, describing their interest in studying hospitality at the collegiate level. This essay should detail your passion for the industry, any previous experience or exposure to the field, and your career aspirations within the Hospitality sector.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

1. Complete the enclosed application. Attach extra pages should you need additional space.
2. Submit an official transcript. The transcript must include both a cumulative grade point average.
3. Submit a 12-point font, double spaced typewritten essay, at least 350 words in length, describing your interest in studying hospitality at the collegiate level and have a career in the hospitality sector.
4. Submit a copy of your 2024-25 FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR).
5. Final candidates must be present for a personal interview with the WHF Scholarship Committee.
6. Completed applications must be submitted by **Wednesday May 8th, 2023** to Ejigayehu Diriba at [ejigayehu@washingtonhospitalityfoundation.com](mailto:ejigayehu@washingtonhospitalityfoundation.com).

*Incomplete applications will not be considered.*



Washington Hospitality Foundation
2024 Scholarship Application

Application Type: Chairman's Award

Applicant Information

District Residency Status:

- Resident
Non-Resident

Name: Date of Birth:

Address:

Telephone Number: Email Address:

University/Major: Date of Graduation:

University Address:

Current G.P.A.: Cumulative G.P.A.:

\*\*A Copy of Your Transcript Must Accompany This Application\*\*

List Your Extracurricular Activities:

Two horizontal lines for listing extracurricular activities.

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Degree Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Tuition & Fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Books: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Board: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Financial Information

Have You Received Any Scholarships?  Yes  No Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Have You Received Any Grants?  Yes  No Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Have You Received Work Study?  Yes  No Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do You Plan to or Have You Applied for Any Loans?  Yes  No Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount of Anticipated Financial Aid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*2024-25 FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) and Financial Aid Award Letter from the School You Plan to Attend Must Accompany This Application\*\***

### Affirmation

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand the conditions of the Washington Hospitality Foundation Scholarship Program as explained in the 2023 Scholarship Application Package. If selected for a WHF Scholarship Award, I will attend a recognition luncheon and agree to use my name and likeness in any communications regarding the WHF Scholarship Program. I also affirm that this application, including the essay, is my own work. I further affirm the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*In the event we are unable to reach you when you are in college, please provide the contact information of someone who will be able to help us contact you:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Application Checklist**

- Complete Application
- Typewritten Essay
- Sealed Official Transcript
- 2024-25 FAFSA Student Aid Report
- College or University Financial Aid Award Letter

***The deadline to submit applications is Wednesday May 8th, 2023.***

***\*\*Incomplete Applications Will Not Be Considered\*\****

**Mailing Address for Hard Copy of Application:**

Washington Hospitality Foundation  
1225 New York Avenue, NW  
Suite 250  
Washington, DC 20005

**Email Address for Electronic Copy of Application:**

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