

2024



Washington Hospitality Foundation Scholarship Program

The Washington Hospitality Foundation (“WHF”) awards scholarships to graduating seniors enrolled in the District’s NAF Hospitality and Tourism Academies. We work diligently to expose young District residents to the exciting fields of study and career opportunities in the hospitality industry. Awarding these scholarships is just one of the several ways we demonstrate our commitment to their future academic and career success.

The **HAWDC Chairman’s Award for Leadership** recognizes the outstanding achievements of students studying hospitality in the NAF Academies. The scholarships are awarded to students based on *academic performance, interest in the field of hospitality, student leadership, and involvement in extracurricular activities.*

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

To be eligible, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be a high school senior residing in the District of Columbia.
- Enrolled in a DCPS NAF Hospitality and Tourism Academy.
- Have plans to pursue a Bachelor’s Degree on a full-time basis at an accredited four (4) year college or university with a **Hospitality/Hospitality Related major.**
- Have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75. Applicant must also submit an essay, at least 350 words in length, describing your interest in studying hospitality at the collegiate level.

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, as well as a list of coursework for grades 9 through 12.
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. Submit a copy of the Financial Aid Award Letter from the school you plan to attend.
6. Final candidates must be present for a personal interview with the WHF Scholarship Committee. ***You will be contacted via email to set up an interview so please check the email you have provided in this application regularly.***
7. It is encouraged that you have your application reviewed by your guidance counselor, academy director, or academic advisor to ensure completeness and accuracy.
8. Completed applications must be submitted by **Wednesday May 8th, 2024** to Ejigayehu Diriba at ejigayehu@washingtonhospitalityfoundation.com.
Incomplete applications will not be considered.
9. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Ejigayehu Diriba at (202) 289-8739 for further assistance.



**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: _____

High School: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

High School Address: _____

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

****A Copy of Your High School Transcript Must Accompany This Application****

List Your Extracurricular Activities:

College/University Information

List of Colleges/Universities You Have Been Accepted to: _____

College/University You Plan to Attend: _____

State of College or University: _____

Expected Major: _____ Collegiate Enrollment Term: _____

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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. I affirm that I am a student enrolled in a District of Columbia Public or Charter School and have plans to pursue a degree on a full-time basis at an accredited four (4) year college or university. I give permission to officials of my current high school to release transcripts of my academic record and other information requested for consideration of the Washington Hospitality Foundation Scholarship Program. 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
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Suite 250
Washington, DC 20005

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