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Hundreds of scholarships are available to college students to help further your studies, and ultimately, career, in hospitality through the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Foundation.

Don't think your GPA or financial need is high enough? Think again. A commitment to hospitality is all you need (and a few minimum requirements), and with 8 different scholarships available, there's sure to be at least one that's right for you.

For more information
or to fill out an
online application,
visit www.ahlef.org.



AM I ELIGIBLE?

So, there are a few requirements, but they're pretty basic. Applicants must be enrolled in an undergraduate hospitality-related degree-granting program, with the exception of the Rama and Graduate scholarships, at a U.S. college or university. Qualifying majors include programs such as hotel/restaurant management, culinary arts, travel/tourism, and hotel administration. Each scholarship has additional requirements as well, so be sure to read them all before deciding which ones to apply for.

You'll be evaluated on academics, related work experience, extracurricular activities, financial need, honors, and personal attributes, but we're not looking for a "cookie cutter" profile.

IS IT WORTH MY TIME?

With eight scholarship programs and more than \$860,000 to hand out to a few hundred recipients, it's never been easier to get tuition money. Scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$6,000, and unlike a loan, that money never needs to be paid back.

It only takes a few minutes to apply. Wouldn't you say it's worth your time?

IF THAT'S NOT ENOUGH, YOU GET MORE.

Awardees of an AH&LEF scholarship receive a free membership to the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AH&LA), planting you at the center of the industry with access to all the news, information, and events on which the nation's leading hotel companies rely. It keeps you in the know and in touch with the individuals who make the hiring decisions. You also receive an exclusive opportunity to join the AH&LEF's Alumni Group, a close-knit group of scholarship awardees who act as vital connections down the road. If you are under 30 years of age you'll also be able to join AH&LA's newest membership category, the Under 30 Gateway, which includes a mentor program.

SO LET'S GET STARTED.

Our scholarships fall into two categories: **self-nominated** and **school-nominated**. For self-nominated scholarships, you assess which ones you qualify for and then indicate the ones for which you want to receive consideration. (Your school does not have to be affiliated with AH&LEF.) If you've been notified by a faculty member that you've been nominated by your school, be sure to check the appropriate box under "school-nominated" scholarships, as well as indicate any other self-nominated ones you're interested in.

Just remember, the application deadline is May 1.

Self-Nominated Scholarships

INCOMING FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was created exclusively for incoming freshman to encourage enrollment in hospitality-related undergraduate programs and attract more students to the lodging industry. The program is funded from the PepsiCo Foundation Scholarship Fund, proceeds from the Americas Lodging Investment Summit (ALIS), and scholarship monies set aside from AH&LEF's New Century Fund Campaign.

PepsiCo Foundation

The PepsiCo Foundation made a \$250,000 contribution through AH&LEF's New Century Fund Campaign in 2001, creating the PepsiCo Foundation Scholarships. The fund has focused on encouraging incoming freshman to study hospitality. To-date, 54 students have received scholarships totaling \$123,000.



ALIS

The Americas Lodging Investment Summit (ALIS), which is co-owned by AH&LA and Burba Hotel Network, has allocated a generous portion of its revenues to benefit the educational, research, and training missions of AH&LEF. Since its inception, ALIS has provided scholarships for 1,207 students in 120 schools across the country, generated more than \$2.3 million for cutting-edge research projects, and afforded funding for the START program in more than 358 high schools and work force training centers as well as for the Lodging Management and the new Hospitality & Tourism Management Programs in 518 high schools.



New Century Fund Campaign

The unprecedented success of the New Century Fund Campaign, which closed in November 2011, showed the industry's strong commitment to meeting its challenges and seizing its opportunities. The campaign raised more than \$9 million for scholarships, school-to-career programs, career outreach and workforce development, support for the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute, and technology research.



Awards:

Baccalaureate Majors - \$4,000

Associate Majors - \$2,000

Eligibility:

- An incoming freshman for the upcoming fall semester, which is defined as a student who has never been enrolled in a college or university
- An undergraduate hospitality management major at a U.S. college or university
- Enrolled in at least 12 credit hours for the upcoming fall and spring semesters
- A minimum overall GPA of 2.0
- A U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

After receiving many requests for graduate scholarships, AH&LEF began offering a scholarship exclusively for graduate students in 2008. The program is funded by proceeds generated by the Americas Lodging Investment Summit (ALIS).

Awards: \$5,000

Eligibility:

- If your graduate degree is in anything other than a hospitality-related program, you must have either:
 - An undergraduate degree in hospitality
 - Four years' employment in the lodging industry after graduation
- **OR** if you do not have either of the above, then you must be enrolled in a hospitality-related graduate degree
- Enrollment can be full- or part-time in a U.S. college or university
- A minimum overall GPA of 3.0
- A U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident

Important Dates:

- Application deadline is May 1, 2016
- Winners are announced in mid-July

THE HYATT HOTELS FUND FOR MINORITY LODGING MANAGEMENT STUDENTS



In 1988, Hyatt established this fund to provide financial aid to minority students pursuing a degree in hotel management. Since its inception, approximately 351 minority students have received \$702,000 through this scholarship.

Awards: \$2,000

Eligibility:

- Enrolled in at least 12 credit hours for the upcoming fall and spring semesters, or just the fall semester if graduating this December
- A baccalaureate hospitality management major in a U.S. college or university
- At least a junior for the upcoming fall semester
- The competition is open to minority students: African-American, Hispanic, Native American/Alaskan, and Asian/Pacific Islander
- A U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident



Phuong Nguyen,

Hyatt Hotels for Minority Management Scholar

THE ECOLAB SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

This program was established by Ecolab in 1996 as a commitment to the lodging industry and to support the development of its future leaders. To date, more than \$401,650 has been awarded to 269 hospitality management students.



Awards:
Baccalaureate Majors - \$2,000
Associate Majors - \$1,000

Eligibility:

- Enrolled in at least 12 credit hours for both the upcoming fall and spring semesters
- An undergraduate hospitality management major at a U.S. college or university



Sarah Coleman,
 2015 Arthur J. Packard Memorial Scholar

AMERICAN EXPRESS SCHOLARSHIP



Founded by American Express in 1994, this program is designed specifically for current lodging employees and their dependents. Endowed with more than \$500,000, the fund has awarded \$357,000 in scholarships to 311 students and professionals.

Awards:

Baccalaureate Majors: \$2,000 full-time enrollment, or \$1,000 part-time

Associate Majors:

\$1,000 full-time enrollment, or \$500 part-time

Eligibility:

- Enrolled full- or part-time in an undergraduate hospitality management program at a U.S. college or university
- You must either:
 - Be working a minimum of 20 hours per week at an AH&LA member hotel with at least 12 months' hotel experience, OR
 - Be a dependent of a qualified employee, and have past employment in some capacity in the hospitality industry

For more information about AH&LA membership, contact AH&LA at 202-289-3177 or membership@ahla.com.

School-Nominated Scholarships

ARTHUR J. PACKARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION



This scholarship honors Arthur J. Packard, a third-generation hotelier, who's work for AH&LA extended over 30 years -- one of the longest on record.

The Packard Competition provides scholarships to the most outstanding student of lodging management and to two runners-up through an annual competition among Foundation affiliated four-year programs. Each university nominates its best-qualified student to compete. If you're attending a four-year Foundation-affiliated school, request a nomination through your dean's office for this prestigious award.

Awards:

First-place winner receives \$5,000

Second-place receives \$3,000

Third-place receives \$2,000

Eligibility:

- Enrolled in at least 12 credit hours for the upcoming fall and spring semester, or just the fall semester if graduating this December
- A baccalaureate hospitality management major at an AH&LEF affiliated school
- At least a junior for the upcoming fall semester
- A minimum overall GPA of 3.5
- A U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident



Yashasvi Shah,

2015 Rama Scholar for the American Dream

THE RAMA SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE AMERICAN DREAM



JHM Hotels, Inc. established the Rama Scholarship for the American Dream with a \$1,000,001 endowment. The five Rama brothers, principals in the company, emigrated from India to pursue their American Dream. It began with the ownership of one lodging property and grew into a successful operation of 35 properties and more than 1,500 associates. The fund, established on the 25th anniversary of the brothers' first hotel purchase, encourages others to create their own American Dream. Since its inception in 1998, the Rama Scholarship Fund has awarded \$726,000 in scholarships to 446 recipients.

Award: \$500 - \$3,000 depending upon enrollment and recommended amount from school

Eligibility:

- Enrolled in at least 9 credit hours for upcoming fall and spring semesters, or just the fall semester if graduating in December
- An undergraduate or graduate hospitality management major
- A minimum overall GPA of 2.5
- A U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident
- Participating schools select the recipients. Preference is given to students of Asian-Indian descent and other minority groups, as well as JHM Hotel employees

Participating Schools

The following 13 hospitality management schools have been designated to participate in the program:

- Bethune-Cookman University
- California State Polytechnic University
- Cornell University
- Florida International University
- Georgia State University
- Greenville Technical College
- Howard University
- Johnson & Wales University - Charlotte
- New York University
- University of Central Florida
- University of Houston
- University of South Carolina
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

AH&LEF ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

The Foundation's largest program, the Annual Scholarship Grant Program, is co-administered with 71 universities and colleges affiliated with AH&LEF.

For the 2016 academic year, a total of \$526,000 has been allocated to Foundation-affiliated schools. Financial support for the scholarship grant program is provided by the following scholarship funds:

- Melinda Bush
- John Clifford Memorial
- Cecil B. Day Memorial
- Handlery Hotels
- Conrad N. Hilton Memorial
- Creighton Holden Memorial
- Hospitality Asset Managers Association
- Steve Hymans Extended Stay
- Richard Kelley
- Richard Kessler
- J. Willard Marriott Memorial
- Joseph McInerney Scholarship
- Curtis C. Nelson

Additional monies for the program come from the Foundation's general scholarship fund; proceeds from its Annual Giving program; a previous capital giving campaign, Hospitality 2000; the Americas Lodging Investment Summit (ALIS); as well as annual special events such as the Big Apple Auction and Golf Classic.

Awards: \$500 - \$6,000 as recommended by the participating school and dependent upon enrollment.

Eligibility:

- Enrolled full-time in an undergraduate hospitality management degree-granting program at one of the schools listed on page 7
- A minimum overall GPA of 3.0 (2.0 if receiving Conrad Hilton Funds)
- A U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident
- Completed 1-2 years of school depending on the program

If you're attending an AH&LEF-affiliated school, request nomination through your dean's office, or contact AH&LEF at 202-289-3180 or scholarships@ahlef.org for more information.

Scholarship Availability

	INCOMING FRESHMAN	GRADUATE	HYATT	ECOLAB	AMERICAN EXPRESS	ANNUAL GRANT	PACKARD	RAMA
Nominated by a Specific School	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Class Status as of Fall '16	Incoming Freshman	Graduate	Junior or Senior	Undergrad	Undergrad	Junior or Senior	Junior or Senior	Any
Minimum Overall GPA	2.0	3.0	None	None	None	3.0	3.5	2.5
Must be a Minority Student	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
Enrollment Status	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Full-time	Full or Part-time	Full-time	Full-time	Full or Part-time
Enrolled Fall & Spring Semesters	Yes	No, if Dec. graduate	No, if Dec. graduate	Yes	No, if Dec. graduate	No, if Dec. graduate	No, if Dec. graduate	No, if Dec. graduate
Employed 20+ hrs at a Hotel	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Letter of Recommendation	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
U.S. Citizenship or U.S. Permanent Residency	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

2016 AH&LEF Annual Scholarship Grant Program

Affiliated Schools

Asheville-Buncombe Technical College - Asheville, NC
Ashland University - Ashland, OH
Auburn University - Auburn, AL
Bethune-Cookman University - Daytona Beach, FL
Boston University - Boston, MA
California State Polytechnic University - Pomona, CA
California State University - Long Beach, CA
City College of San Francisco - San Francisco CA
Collin College - Plano, TX
Cornell University - Ithaca, NY
The Culinary Institute - Hyde Park, NY
DePaul University - Chicago, IL
Drexel University - Philadelphia, PA
East Carolina University - Greenville, NC
East Stroudsburg University - East Stroudsburg, PA
Ferris State University - Big Rapids, MI
Florida Atlantic University - Boca Raton, FL
Florida International University - N. Miami, FL
Florida State University - Tallahassee, FL
George Washington University - Washington, DC
Georgia State University - Atlanta, GA
Grand Valley State University - Allendale, MI
Indiana University Purdue University - Indianapolis, IN
Iowa State University - Ames, IA
James Madison University - Harrisonburg, VA
Johnson & Wales University - Charlotte, NC
Johnson & Wales University - Denver, CO
Mercyhurst College - Erie, PA
Michigan State University - East Lansing, MI
Missouri State University - Springfield, MO
Morgan State University - Baltimore, MD
Morrisville State College - Morrisville, NY
New Mexico State University - Las Cruces, NM
New York University - New York, NY
Niagara University - Niagara, NY
North Carolina Central University - Durham, NC
Northern Arizona University - Flagstaff, AZ
Northwestern State University - Natchitoches, LA
Oklahoma State University - Stillwater, OK
Paul Smith's College - Paul Smiths, NY
Pennsylvania State University - University Park, PA
Pulaski Technical College - Little Rock, AR
Purdue University - West Lafayette, IN
The Restaurant School - Philadelphia, PA

Robert Morris University - Moon Twp, PA
Rochester Institute of Technology - Rochester, NY
San Diego State University - San Diego, CA
Stephen F. Austin University - Nacogdoches, TX
Sullivan University - Louisville, KY
Texas Tech University - Lubbock, TX
Tuskegee University - Tuskegee, AL
University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa, AL
University of Central Florida - Orlando, FL
University of Delaware - Newark, DE
University of Denver - Denver, CO
University of Hawaii - Manoa - Honolulu, HI
University of Houston - Houston, TX
University of Maryland Eastern Shore - Princess Anne, MD
University of Massachusetts at Amherst - Amherst, MA
University of Missouri - Columbia - Columbia, MO
University of Nevada - Las Vegas, NV
University of New Hampshire - Durham, NH
University of San Francisco - San Francisco, CA
University of South Carolina - Columbia, SC
University of Southern Mississippi - Hattiesburg, MS
University of Tennessee - Knoxville, TN
University of Wisconsin/Stout - Menomonie, WI
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University - Blacksburg, VA
Virginia State University - Petersburg, VA
Washington State University - Pullman, WA
Widener University - Chester, PA

Professional Development Scholarships

Even if you're not enrolled in a college or university, AH&LEF can still help you fund your educational pursuits. If you're interested in furthering your career by taking courses or gaining certification, AH&LEF's Professional Development Scholarships have funds available to cover the cost of distance learning or professional certification available through AHLEI. Applications are accepted on a quarterly basis, and the only requirement is that you're working at an AH&LA member property. You can apply online at www.ahlef.org or contact AH&LEF at 202-289-3180 or scholarships@ahlef.org for more information.

AH&LEF Scholarship Application

We strongly recommend filling out an online application at www.ahlef.org. If you would like to submit a paper application, please be sure to complete all required sections as noted below.

INSTRUCTIONS AND POLICIES

- Applicants must be enrolled in an undergraduate hospitality-related degree-granting program, with the exception of the Rama and Graduate scholarships, at a U.S. college or university.
- Full-time enrollment for all scholarships is defined as enrollment of 12 or more credit hours for both the upcoming fall and spring semesters. Part-time is considered less than 12 credit hours for one or both semesters, or full-time enrollment for fall semester only.
- Self-nominated scholarships do not require school nomination in order to be considered. School-nominated scholarships do require school nomination for consideration.
- It's important that applicants complete all required sections of the application because they are scored on a combination of academic performance, hospitality work experience, financial need, extracurricular/professional activities, and honors, as well as personal attributes as defined in their career goal statement.
- Students who receive an award are paid in two equal installments per academic year. The first check is mailed in September and the second in December. Checks are issued jointly to the student and the school and must be endorsed by both. The scholarship checks and certificates are sent directly to the university. Scholarships must be used exclusively for the payment of tuition, fees, and books. Any remaining funds must be returned to AH&LEF. Any recipient who fails to meet the enrollment criteria or cancels his/her enrollment must notify AH&LEF immediately.

Application Deadline: May 1. Winners announced in mid-July.

Scholarship Selection

I would like to be considered for the following scholarships and have confirmed that I meet the minimum eligibility criteria for each as previously outlined in the scholarship descriptions (check all that apply):

SELF-NOMINATED SCHOLARSHIPS

- Incoming Freshman Scholarship**
Complete sections 1-8.
No letters of recommendation required.
- Graduate Scholarship**
Complete sections 1-8, as well as submit letters of recommendation as noted in Appendix A.
- Ecolab Scholarship**
Complete sections 1-8.
No letters of recommendation required.
- Hyatt Hotels Fund for Minority Lodging Management Students**
Complete sections 1-8.
No letters of recommendation required.
- American Express Scholarship**
Complete sections 1-8. For applicants applying as a dependent, please have the qualifying employee (parent) complete Part A of Section 4 and the applicant (dependent) complete Part B of Section 4.

SCHOOL-NOMINATED SCHOLARSHIPS

- To be completed by nominees. School nomination required.
- Annual Scholarship Grant Program**
Complete sections 1-3 and 8.
No letters of recommendation required.
 - Arthur J. Packard Memorial Scholarship**
Complete sections 1-8, as well as submit letters of recommendation as noted in Appendix A.
 - Rama Scholarship for the American Dream**
Complete sections 1-8.
No letters of recommendation required.

Note: Letters of recommendation are only required for Graduate and Packard applicants.

VISIT WWW.AHLEF.ORG TO APPLY ONLINE.

Section 1: Personal Information

* = Required

First Name* M.I. Last Name*

Permanent Street Address (NUMBER, STREET, APT#, ETC.) *Please provide an address where you can receive mail year-round.**

City* State* Zip*

Home Phone Work Phone Cell Phone*

School (.edu) Email Address* check if preferred email Other (non-.edu) Email Address* check if preferred email

Student ID Date of Birth*

Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident?*

yes no If no, what is your immigration/visa status?

Are you a graduate of AHLEI's Lodging Management Program or Hospitality & Tourism Management Program (high school training programs)? yes no

Have you ever received an AH&LEF scholarship?

yes no If yes, please specify which one and the year awarded: _____

Please check one of the following*:

male female prefer not to answer

*You may only check "Prefer Not to Answer" if you are NOT applying for a minority-based scholarship.

African American Asian-Indian

Asian/Pacific Islander

Native American/Alaskan Hispanic Caucasian

If other, please specify: _____

prefer not to answer (do not check if you wish to be considered for a Hyatt or Rama Scholarship).

Section 2: Enrollment Information

Name of College/University* (enrolled in for the upcoming fall 2016 and spring 2017 semesters)

Street Address*

City* State* Zip*

Dean*

Dean's Phone Number* Dean's Email Address*

Are you currently enrolled?* yes no

If no, you must submit a copy of the admittance letter and confirmation of enrollment in a specific school by **July 1**. Applicants without a confirmed enrollment will not be awarded a scholarship. All incoming freshman are required to submit letter(s) of acceptance by July 1.

If you are not certain which school you will be attending for the upcoming fall semester, list the school(s) that you have applied to and enclose any acceptance letter(s) with this application.

Section 2: Enrollment Information Continued

Enrollment status*: full-time part-time

Number of credit hours you intend to take for the upcoming fall semester: _____ spring: _____

Note: Full-time is considered a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester

For the upcoming fall 2016 semester you will be a(n):

Incoming Freshman Freshman Sophomore

Junior Senior Graduate Student

What is your major?

Note: You must be enrolled in a hospitality-related program such as hotel/restaurant management, culinary arts, travel/tourism, or hotel administration, unless you are applying for the Rama or Graduate

Scholarships.

Degree*: Bachelor's Associate Graduate

Number of college credits completed*: _____

Are you expected to graduate from this program in December this year?

yes no

Expected date of graduation from college: _____

Current or most recent cumulative GPA: _____
(4.0 scale) If your school does not have a 4.0 scale, you must ask them to convert prior to submitting your application.

Section 3: Background & Career Goals

In a short paragraph (less than 500 words), describe your personal background including answers to the following questions:*(Attach separately.)

- When did you become interested in the hospitality field?
- What traits do you think you possess or will need in order to succeed in this industry?
- What are your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and future goals?

Section 4: Employment

Are you currently employed?* yes no If yes, complete Part A and B. If no, complete Part B only.

American Express Applicants: Is your parent/guardian working at least 20 hours a week at an AH&LA member property?

yes no If yes, the qualifying employee (parent/legal guardian) must complete Part A and the applicant (dependent) Part B. If you work at least 20 hours per week at an AH&LA member property, complete Parts A and B.

Part A: Current Employer*

Are you currently employed at a hotel (including any restaurants operated within a hotel)? yes no If yes, how many hours per week 0 - 10 hrs. 11 - 19 hrs. 20 - 29 hrs. 30 - 39 hrs. 40+ hrs.

Is the hotel a member of AH&LA? yes no not sure To find out if your property is a member of AH&LA, contact the membership department at 202-289-3177 or membership@ahla.com.

Are you currently employed in another area of hospitality (for example: restaurant, event management, travel, theme park)?

yes no If yes, how many hours per week 0 - 10 hrs. 11 - 19 hrs. 20 - 29 hrs. 30 - 39 hrs. 40+ hrs.

Current Employer

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Employee's Name

Position

Starting Date

Supervisor's Name

Telephone

Hours per week

Does your employer offer tuition reimbursement?* yes no If yes, specify how much _____

Section 4: Employment Continued

Part B: Employment History*

Have you ever been employed at a hotel? yes no If yes, including your present job if at hotel, how long is your cumulative experience? ____ years ____ months (not to exceed 11 months)

Have you ever been employed in another area of hospitality (for example: restaurant, event management, travel, theme park)?
 yes no If yes, including your present job if in another area of hospitality, how long is your cumulative experience?
____ years ____ months (not to exceed 11 months)

Include all employment history, including hospitality and non-hospitality experience.
Attach a separate resume or complete below.

Employer _____

Position _____ Start Date _____ End Date _____ Hours worked per week _____

Employer _____

Position _____ Start Date _____ End Date _____ Hours worked per week _____

Section 5: Financial Need

Failure to provide all the information requested in this section may be detrimental to the scoring of your application. While financial need is not the primary factor in the evaluation process, it is considered along with academic performance, hospitality-related work experience, personal attributes, and extracurricular and professional activities. You must indicate a numeric value for each field in order for your application to be considered complete. Enter "0" if you do not receive monies in a certain area.

Have you submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)?* yes no If yes, what year ____ and what is your expected family contribution _____? More information about FAFSA can be found at www.fafsa.edu.gov.

Please estimate costs for the upcoming fall 2016 and spring 2017 semesters*:

Tuition: _____ Books: _____ Room & Board: _____ Other Expenses: _____

Specify Other Expenses: _____

Total Adjusted Gross Income from Your 2015 Tax Return*: _____ Were you claimed as a dependent?* yes no

If yes, what is the total adjusted gross income from your parent's tax return? _____

How many dependents were claimed? _____

How many in household will be enrolled in college this year (including yourself)? _____

If you were not required to file a tax return and indicated employment in 2015, what was your annual income: _____

Estimated income for 2016* _____

Help us understand how you have been financing college so far. YOU MUST ENTER A NUMBER FOR EACH FIELD FOR YOUR APPLICATION TO BE VALID. Enter "0" if you do not receive monies in a certain area. How much have you spent from the following sources*:

Savings: _____ Scholarships: _____ Grants: _____ Aid From Parents/Family: _____ School Loans: _____ Other Aid: _____

Anticipated financials for the upcoming fall 2016 and spring 2017 semesters*:

Savings: _____ Scholarships: _____ Grants: _____ Aid From Parents/Family: _____ School Loans: _____ Other Aid: _____

Include a short explanation of how you financed your education to date and a statement that describes your current need for assistance. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.*

Section 6: Extracurricular, Professional Activities, and Certifications

List all school, community, and professional activities in which you have participated and include all special awards and honors you have received, in addition to any certifications you've obtained*. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Section 7: Transcripts (Official or Unofficial)

Include your most recent college, high school, or GED transcript (official or unofficial) that includes a cumulative grade point average **based upon a 4.0** scale.* If your school does not use a 4.0 scale, you must ask them to convert your GPA. It's best to attach the transcript to this application. If necessary, transcripts can also be mailed to AH&LEF by May 1st. Applications without transcripts will be considered incomplete.

Section 8: Application Certification

By 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 I have given on this form. AH&LEF reserves the right to randomly audit the applications and request official school transcripts and copies of my or my parent's (if claimed as a dependent) tax documentation, and a copy of My Student Aid Report which is generated by Free Application for Student Aid, if I indicated on expected family contribution. In the event that I do not provide this documentation, or it does not support the information provided in this application, I acknowledge that the scholarship could be revoked, in which case any award monies must be returned to AH&LEF. I authorize any college in which I am or have been enrolled to release my most recent transcript when requested. I authorize AH&LEF to share my contact information with its partner hotel state associations in order to send me additional scholarship information. In the event that I am provided a scholarship, I agree to send AH&LEF a picture of myself and give AH&LEF and its sponsoring organizations permission to use the information in this application, my picture, and any scholarship testimonial statements I provide in any of their publications or promotional activities. Additionally, I agree to opt-in to AH&LEF's alumni group on LinkedIn and periodically provide AH&LEF with updates regarding my employment.

Applicant's Signature*

Date

Appendix A: Letters of Recommendation

DO NOT SUBMIT LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION UNLESS YOU ARE A GRADUATE STUDENT APPLYING FOR THE GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE PACKARD SCHOLARSHIP. Two letters of recommendation are required for the Packard and Graduate scholarships: one from an instructor and one from an employer. Only two letters will be reviewed so please do not send more. Letters can also be mailed to AH&LEF by May 1st. AH&LEF highly recommends that you attach the letters of recommendation to this application.

Submission Information

Submit all sections of the application (pages 8 through 12) to:

American Hotel & Lodging Educational Foundation

1250 Eye Street NW, Suite 1100

Washington, DC 20005

Website: www.ahlef.org

For questions, please contact AH&LEF at 202-289-3180 or scholarships@ahlef.org.

Note: AH&LEF strongly recommends that you make a copy of the application for your personal records before mailing.

Important Dates:

- Application deadline is May 1, 2016
- Winners are announced in mid-July

Scholarship applications may be downloaded and/or completed online via www.ahlef.org.

