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HOSPITALITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2018

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- The purpose of this MCCA Scholarship is to encourage professional development within the visitor and hospitality industry by awarding scholarships to high school seniors or college students who are permanent residents of Massachusetts and are graduating from an accredited high school or are enrolled in hospitality industry majors at a two- or four-year higher education accredited institution.
- Annually, four scholarships of \$2,500 each are available through the MCCA Community Partnerships & Hospitality Scholarship Fund, administered through the MCCA.
- Financial support is provided for enrollment in a U.S. accredited baccalaureate or associate program leading to a degree in a hospitality-related field.
- Each scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$2,500 in the name of the awarded recipient and the financial office of the enrolled institution.
- Preference shall be given to applicants who have never received an MCCA scholarship in the past.
- **Application deadline for scholarships is March 30, 2018 for the 2018 academic year.**
- Scholarship award recipients will be notified in writing on or about May 15, 2018.

HOSPITALITY SCHOLARSHIP EVALUATION CRITERIA

All applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Complete application submission by deadline, no exceptions.
- High school senior at an accredited high school or full-time, matriculated college student with declared major affiliated with the hospitality industry.
- Cumulative credits reflecting the status of a senior in high school or that of a rising sophomore, junior or senior in college.
- Resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- Plans to seek a career in the hospitality, convention or tourism industry.
- Student with hospitality or convention industry related experience is preferred.
- Two Letters of Recommendation.
- Official High School/College Transcript – no copies, no unofficial or any other facsimile will be accepted.
- Personal essay of 500-600 words.

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete this application and submit the original with the attachments required prior to the *application deadline of March 30, 2018*. It is the responsibility of the applicant to be certain that all attachments are received by Massachusetts Convention Center Authority. *If you require additional space, please reference attached pages.*

Please PRINT or TYPE on this form.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____, MASSACHUSETTS, ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

GENDER (please check box): FEMALE MALE

PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Please provide the following information about your secondary education.

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

YEARS ATTENDED: _____ GPA: _____

GRADUATION DATE/ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE: _____

*Please provide the following information about your institution of higher education. **If you are a graduating high school senior**, please provide only the name of the college/university and intended major if it is known at this time.*

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ACADEMIC ADVISOR: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

DECLARED MAJOR: _____ MINOR: _____

GPA: _____ ANTICIPATED YEAR OF GRADUATION: _____

WORK EXPERIENCE

Please list your history of employment, starting with the most recent.

1. EMPLOYER: _____

JOB TITLE: _____ DATES EMPLOYED: _____

RESPONSIBILITIES: _____

SUPERVISOR'S NAME/TITLE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ AVERAGE HOURS/WEEK: _____

2. EMPLOYER: _____

JOB TITLE: _____ DATES EMPLOYED: _____

RESPONSIBILITIES: _____

SUPERVISOR'S NAME/TITLE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ AVERAGE HOURS/WEEK: _____

Please list the extra-curricular activities or other work experiences you feel have contributed the most to your development.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please attach your personal essay that answers the following question. Limit your response to 500-600 words. Your statement should be typed in 12 point font and double-spaced.

Why have you chosen to further your education in a hospitality-related major? What characteristics do you possess that make you an exceptional candidate for this scholarship? Describe how these characteristics will benefit you once you are working in the industry.

REQUIRED ENCLOSURES

Please attach the following materials in support of your application:

- 1. SUBMIT TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**, which reflect the person's opinion regarding your potential for achieving a successful career in this industry and why. Recommendations should be selected from a faculty member, academic advisor, or work related supervisor.
- 2. SUBMIT A RECENT OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF GRADES**, from within the past three months.

I declare that the information contained within this application is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I realize that making a false statement could cause my application to be void. I hereby authorize the release of this application and its supporting documents to appropriate persons within the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority in confidence as part of the scholarship selection process.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____

**Please return original, completed applications directly to:
Robert O'Shea, Community Liaison
Community Partnership & Hospitality Scholarship Fund
Massachusetts Convention Center Authority
415 Summer Street
Boston, MA 02210**

(No copies, faxes or electronic files will be accepted.)