

Through the generous support of Minnesota businesses and individuals, the Hospitality Minnesota Education Foundation offers academic scholarship for high school seniors, GED graduates, or undergraduate students pursuing culinary arts and hospitality management degrees.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Student **must** be a resident of Minnesota.
2. Student **must** be pursuing a hospitality or foodservice (**not food science**) culinary arts degree at an accredited post-secondary institution. Full time and part time students are eligible (with a minimum of nine credit hours). This is not limited to schools in Minnesota.
3. The HMEF Board maintains the right to disapprove the educational institution or program in which the student is enrolled.
4. Student **must have a minimum 2.5 GPA** in high school (11th & 12th grades) or current college GPA.
5. Student is required to submit an essay as outlined on the scholarship application.
6. Student must submit at least two letters of recommendation from persons other than family. We suggest both academic and employment references.
7. Student is required to submit official high school or college transcripts.
8. Preference will be given to students who are graduates of the ProStart or HTMP programs.

Scholarship Denominations, Payment & Eligibility

1. The Foundation Board & Scholarship Committee determine scholarship amounts based on the applicant pool and available funds.
2. Awards are restricted to academic tuition and paid directly to the educational institution. The institution will contact HMEF requesting funds and verify that the student has completed his/her coursework satisfactorily.
3. **Students may reapply for a scholarship annually** if they demonstrate a 2.5 GPA and provide a letter of recommendation from a faculty member.
4. Relatives of the members of the HMEF Board of Directors are ineligible.
5. Relatives of contributors are eligible, as are students who are also employed by contributing companies.
6. Relatives of the directors or officers of the Hospitality Minnesota Association are eligible, so long as they do not serve on the HMEF Board of Directors.
7. To ensure unbiased selection, an appointed committee will use a standard application and scoring system based on academics, community involvement, hospitality experience, and a submitted essay.

Educator's Scholarships

Teacher scholarships may be provided to attend ProStart or HTMP training on a funds-available basis.

'Heart of Hospitality' Scholarship

Two 'Heart of Hospitality' Scholarships may be awarded annually to a ProStart student and a HTMP student that don't meet the required academic criteria. Students apply using the same applicant form. A ProStart or HTMP teacher must provide the recommendation for this specific scholarship. Award may be up to \$1,000 each and will be determined by the HMEF Board of Directors & Scholarship Committee.