



Arkansas Tourism and Hospitality Education Foundation Scholarship Application

2024-2025

DEADLINE—Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Dear Applicant:

The Arkansas Tourism and Hospitality Education Foundation welcomes your application for a hospitality industry scholarship. Individual awards will range from **\$500 to \$2,000** for the 2024-2025 academic year.

HOW TO APPLY

Please follow the FOUR steps to complete your Application Packet. All materials must be mailed and postmarked by the deadline date of April 30, 2024.

STEP #1: Please read through the qualifications below. If you do not meet ALL the qualifications, you are not eligible to apply.

1. Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States and a resident of Arkansas
2. Be a graduating high school student that has been accepted and enrolled into an AHA-approved Hospitality Program accredited culinary school, college, or university OR will be enrolled full-time or substantial part-time (minimum of 9 credit hours) in an AHA-approved Hospitality Program accredited culinary school, college, or university in Fall of 2024.
3. Be enrolled for two consecutive terms, not entering your last semester before graduating or graduating before May 2024.
4. Students who are enrolled in an Internship Prep class will NOT be processed due to lack of credit hours.

STEP #2: Gather all the required documentation

To be considered for a scholarship, your application packet must include the following:

For entering Freshmen:

1. Two letters of recommendation from persons in the hospitality industry and/or hospitality instructors
2. An official high school transcript
3. A copy of your acceptance letter to a postsecondary hospitality program stating your intended program of study
4. Proof of enrollment

General awards require a minimum 2.5 GPA.

For returning postsecondary students:

1. Two letters of recommendation from persons in the hospitality industry and/or hospitality instructors
2. An official college transcript
3. Proof of enrollment

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STEP #3: Complete the application

Complete and sign the application form.

Please print clearly or type your answers. Neatness counts with the selection committee. Please complete the answers to all questions. Unanswered questions penalize applicants. Check your application carefully before returning it to AHA. Be sure all required information is correct and that the application is signed and dated. Unsigned applicants will be disqualified.

STEP #4: Mail completed scholarship application packet by the deadline date

Documentation sent separately from the application must be postmarked by the application date or your application will be disqualified.

IT IS THE APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION IS RECEIVED AT THE AHA OFFICE NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 30, 2024. PLEASE CALL TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED. (501) 376-2323 or Aha@arhospitality.org

Mail or email your application packet and all required documents on or before the deadline to: **Hospitality Scholarships**
Arkansas Tourism and Hospitality Education Foundation
P.O. Box 3866
Little Rock, AR 72203
Aha@arhospitality.org

OTHER IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

HOW YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED

Winners of scholarships for the upcoming academic year will be notified via US mail by the first week of June. The winners will be asked to attend an Awards presentation that will be held in conjunction with the Annual Student Invitational. More information and an invitation to the event will be sent at a later date.

REASONS FOR DISQUALIFICATION, IN-ELIGIBILITY, AND RESTRICTIONS

1. Your application packet may *not* be considered if it is:
 - a. Incomplete (missing *any* of the required documentation described above)
 - b. Not signed. If you are under 18 years old, your parent or guardian must also sign it.
2. Do NOT put your Application Packet into a report cover, binder, or file. Leave it un-stapled.
3. You will be disqualified if you will not be enrolling for two consecutive terms, you are entering your final semester, or graduating prior to May 2025.

SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEWS

An applicant interview may be conducted by a representative of the scholarship committee at the committee's request. Once the applications have been submitted, a request for interview will be emailed to any applicants chosen for further inquiry by the committee.

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact Renee Smith at (501) 376-2323 or Renee@arhospitality.org

The ATHEF wishes you success in your academic and career goals!

SECTION I — PERSONAL INFORMATION AND INTERESTS

Last Name: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Ms. Or Mr. (circle) Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Student ID: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _(____)

If you have a school residence to where you wish mail to be directed, please indicate below.

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Effective Date: _____

I presently attend: ____ High School ____ Tech College ____ College/University ____ Other

Name of present school: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Next fall I will be attending (name of school): _____

School Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Address of the Financial Aid Office of the school you will be attending: _____

I will be in my: ____ 1st year ____ 2nd year ____ 3rd year ____ 4th year

Name of program enrolled in: _____

Type of Degree pursuing (BA, AA, AAS): _____

Current Employer: _____ Supervisor's Name: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _(____)

My interests/hobbies are: _____

The area of hospitality in which I am interested: _____

Some non-academic activities in which I have been involved are (community/social): _____

EDUCATION

Schools Attended – List most recent first.

Name of School	City/State	Dates Attended	Degree/GPA
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

SECTION II – ACADEMIC RECORD AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Use additional pages in necessary.

List any academic honors you have received.

List any offices or leadership positions you have held and the name of the organization.

List any other extracurricular activities or seminars in which you have been involved.

What are your academic strengths and weaknesses?

SECTION III – EMPLOYMENT AND EXPERIENCE

Employment History – List your most recent experience fist.

Business Name	City/State	Dates	Position/Title
1a. _____			
1b. Job Duties (Be Specific): _____			

2a. _____			
2b. Job Duties (Be Specific): _____			

SECTION IV – STUDENT THOUGHTS *Use additional pages in necessary.*

In your opinion, what are the challenges facing the hospitality industry today and how would you propose to resolve these problems?

How did you become interested in your focus area?

SECTION V – ASPIRATIONS *Use additional pages if necessary.*

What are your academic/educational goals? How do you intend to make these possible?

What are your future goals and how do you intend to reach them?

Why are you deserving of this scholarship and why will this scholarship help you in your career goals?

REQUIRED SIGNATURE

To the best of my knowledge, I have provided the Arkansas Tourism and Hospitality Education Foundation with complete information concerning all questions on the application. I agree to report to the Foundation any factors that could affect consideration of my application. I understand that failure to provide true and complete information could mean withdrawal of scholarship funds.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Parent's Signature (if under 18 years of age): _____

Congratulations! You have taken the first step toward financial reward as well as industry recognition. Please take a few minutes to proofread your application. The careful completion of your application will reflect on your professionalism. We look forward to receiving your application.