



Minorities in Hospitality Scholars Program

Sponsored by the Choice Hotels International and IFA Educational Foundation

The IFA Educational Foundation and Choice Hotels International have partnered to sponsor the *Minorities in Hospitality Scholars Program*. The purpose of the scholars program is to recognize and support minority students who are enrolled in the Hospitality course of studies complete their academic programs by providing scholarship assistance. A competitive award of \$2000 will be presented annually.

Who Can Apply?

To be eligible for the scholars program, applicant must be enrolled in an accredited college or university with a major in Hospitality field. The student must have sophomore, junior or senior college class standing for the period of the scholarship. The applicant must be a U.S. citizen and considered a member of a minority group – African American, American Indian, Hispanic American or Asian American.

How Can the Awards Be Used?

The \$2000 scholarship award is to be used for tuition and books.

How Do You Get Started?

Students must complete the *Minorities in Hospitality Scholars Program* application form, submit an **official certified academic transcript** and prepare a short typed essay (no more than 500-words) on “Why I Should Be Selected as the Minorities in Hospitality Scholars Award Recipient.” Incomplete packages will not be reviewed.

Application Procedure

Applications should be downloaded by going to: www.franchise.org/scholarships.aspx. We will not mail applications. Send the completed application and supporting materials in a **single packet** to: Miriam L. Brewer, Director of Education and Diversity, IFA Educational Foundation, 1501 K Street, NW, Suite #350, Washington, DC 20005 by **January 31st**.

Notification Process

The *Minorities in Hospitality Scholars Program* award will be announced in **March** of each year with the funds being sent directly to the college or university in July. We will not provide status checks on the application.



APPLICATION FORM
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Minimum Qualifications

- (1) Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited college or university with a major in Hospitality field.
- (2) Applicant must have sophomore, junior or senior college status for the period of the scholarship.
- (3) Applicant must be a U.S. citizen and considered a member of a minority group – African American, American Indian, Hispanic American or Asian American
- (4) Applicant must provide an **official certified** academic transcript (transcripts downloaded from the web will not be accepted)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

University/College: _____

City: _____ State _____

Academic Advisor/Contact Number: _____

Major: _____

Current Class Standing: _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Rising Senior

Please attach the following and submit with application:

- ❖ Official certified academic transcript
- ❖ Typed, 500-word essay on “Why I Should Be Selected as the Minorities in Hospitality Scholars Award Recipient.”

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