



Greater Albuquerque Hotel & Lodging Association Scholarship Application

Purpose:

In accordance with the mission of our association, the Greater Albuquerque Hotel & Lodging Association (GAHLA) Board of Directors has developed a scholarship program for dedicated students pursuing a degree in a Hospitality Management Program.

It is the intent of GAHLA to identify, assist and encourage students to pursue a career in the hospitality industry within the State of New Mexico. Scholarships of \$500-1,000 will be awarded annually at the December Holiday Luncheon. Selected applicants and one guest will be invited to the luncheon. Decisions are made in late November.

Scholarship Eligibility:

- Candidate must be a resident of New Mexico or participate in a school internship program partnering with a New Mexico hospitality business
- Recipients of the scholarship must be enrolled either as a part-time or full-time student in the Hotel, Restaurant & Tourism Management Program or Culinary Arts Program at an accredited university or college in New Mexico
- Student must maintain a “C” or higher overall grade average with a “B” or higher average in major courses
- Student may reapply annually provided the above criteria are met
- Proof of current enrollment is required for scholarship selection

Application Deadline, Candidate Selection and Awards Luncheon:

Deadline: Application must be received by November 22, 2024.

Selection of scholarship winners will be made as follows:

- Candidate must submit completed application by stated deadline
- The Scholarship Committee will review all completed applications, and the members of this Committee will select the scholarship recipients
- Scholarship winners will be notified no later than November 24, 2024.
- The Awards Luncheon will take place in early December (specific date TBD) in Albuquerque at the Sheraton Uptown Hotel. We encourage those awarded to attend this Holiday luncheon. It is a great opportunity to meet leaders in the industry as well as network with potential future employers. GAHLA will host your meal and a meal for one guest. If you would like to bring additional guests, you may; cost for the luncheon is \$45 per additional guest.

DEADLINE: Must be received by November 22, 2024

Complete the following application form and submit to:

GAHLA Scholarship Committee
Michelle Dressler
c/o Holiday Inn & Suites
5050 Jefferson St. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109

Email: mdressler@hihsabq.net
**applications can be emailed with all required forms and letters as attachments*

Section I: Personal Information

Application Date _____

Name (first, middle, last) _____

Mailing Address _____

Permanent Address (if different) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone Number: Home _____ Mobile _____

Section II: Current Employer

Current Employer _____

Address _____

Position _____

Hours Worked Per Week (Avg.) _____

Does your employer offer tuition assistance? (Circle One) Yes No

If yes, please describe and indicate if you have applied/qualify.

Are you receiving tuition assistance from any other source? Yes No

If yes, please describe _____

Section III: Employment History

Employer: _____ Start: __/__/__

Position: _____ End: __/__/__

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Section IV: Extra Curricular, Professional, Civic Activities, Awards

List any school, professional or civic activities in which you have participated or continue to participate in. List any special awards, recognition or certificates you have received, date awarded and reason.

Section V: Educational Information

High School Attended/Year Graduated _____

Name of Post-Secondary Educational Institute _____

Are you currently enrolled? Yes No (If no, attach a copy of your acceptance letter)

Enrollment Status: Full Time Part Time

Degree Pursued _____

Courses Completed _____

Number of Credit Hours Completed _____ Overall GPA _____

Courses enrolled for 2024/5 _____

Expected date of Graduation _____

Major Professor / Advisor (name and phone number) _____

Section VI: Enclosures

Please include the following items with this application:

1. Most recent high school, GED or college transcript, including GPA
2. Two written recommendations:

- one from a current or former employer
 - one from a teacher or personal reference
3. A type-written essay of no more than 500 and no less than 250 words describing:
- Your personal background
 - Your interest in the hospitality industry, when and why you chose this field
 - Your future goals and career aspirations
 - Why is being awarded this scholarship important to you

By submitting this application, I certify that the information I have provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this application and the supporting documents will be reviewed by the GAHLA Scholarship Committee and will be kept confidential, but that all records could be made available to the Internal Revenue Service. Interpretation of the recent tax laws adopted by the Internal Revenue Service may require me to report a portion of this scholarship as taxable income. Additionally, if granted a scholarship award by the GAHLA, I authorize the association to release information pertaining to the award to the news media and/or other interested parties.

Signature of Applicant

Date