

MRA Educational Foundation Co-Branded Scholarships



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Follow our “Recipe” for a chance to receive up to \$2,000!

This spring, the **MRA Educational Foundation (MRAEF)** in partnership with the **NRA Educational Foundation (NRAEF)** will be awarding scholarships in amounts up to \$2,000. Candidates must be ProStart® students, or college undergraduates, high school seniors or graduates, or GED credential holders who meet the following criteria.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Acceptance to, or enrollment in, an accredited restaurant or foodservice-related, post-secondary program, either full-time or substantial part-time (minimum 9 credit hours).
- Have U.S. citizenship and be a Massachusetts resident.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.65 on a 4.0 scale, or GED test results of 470 or more.
- ProStart® and other high school seniors must have a minimum of 250 hours of restaurant/foodservice work experience. Graduates, undergraduates, and GED credential holders must have a minimum of 750 hours of restaurant/foodservice-related work experience.

Don't Leave Anything Out of the “Recipe” in this Box!

To apply for the MRAEF/NRAEF Co-Branded Scholarships, the following items are required:

- A completed Application.
- Current school transcript with Grade Point Average (GPA), or GED transcript with test scores.
- Cumulative GPA must appear on transcript.
- The GPA must be at least 2.65 on a 4.0 scale (GED scores must be 470 or more).
- You must have Guidance translate GPA to a 4.0 scale, circle GPA, and sign the transcript.
- Completed essay question(s).
- Proof of restaurant/foodservice-related work experience.
- Proof must be with W-2's or employer letters on letterhead stating number of hours worked.
- All seniors must have a minimum of 250 work hours; all others a minimum of 750 hours.
- A signed letter of recommendation on letterhead from a current or previous employer.
- The employer's letter must be dated within the last six months.
- Unless you are an undergraduate, include a copy of your college acceptance letter.
- Include your Social Security number in Section 1 of this Application only.

Late, incomplete, or illegible Applications will not be considered.

Please mail your Application and all required materials on or before April 16, 2010 to:

Heather Carneiro, Educational Coordinator
Massachusetts Restaurant Association Educational Foundation
333 Turnpike Rd., Suite 102, Southborough, MA 01772-1775
(508) 303-9905 ♦ 800-852-3042 (MA only)

APPLICATION GUIDELINES & OTHER INFORMATION

PLEASE READ THE APPLICATION CAREFULLY.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW GUIDELINES COULD LEAD TO DISQUALIFICATION.

Answer every question and supply every requested document. Mark "N/A" on a question if it does not apply to you.

A word-processed document may be used in place of the Application only if presented in the exact order of the Application. **Or, you can download the Application from the MRA website at www.marestaurantassoc.org.**

JUDGES WILL SCORE ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Presentation of Application (includes spelling, punctuation, legibility and neatness).
- Grade point average or GED Score.
- Restaurant/Foodservice-related work experience.
- Strength of the letter of recommendation.
- Response to essay question(s): well-written and within required word count.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

Applications will be accepted beginning January 1, 2010 through April 16, 2010.
All Applications must be postmarked no later than April 16, 2010.

Award recipients will be notified by U.S. mail on or before May 14, 2010.
Award winners must maintain a 2.75 GPA while in college to receive the full scholarship.

Submission of any materials other than those requested will be discarded. Please include only what has been requested.

DO NOT STAPLE AND DO NOT FOLD THE APPLICATION. PAPER CLIPS ARE ACCEPTABLE.

Also, DO NOT put materials into report covers, etc.

IMPORTANT NOTE ON IDENTITY THEFT:

Every effort will be made to protect your Social Security Number (SSN). **Please help us by including your SSN only once in the designated spot in Section 1, Personal Information. DO NOT include your SSN anywhere else on the Application or on accompanying materials.**

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS or want to download an Application, please contact the MRAEF at (508) 303-9905, or visit the MRA website at www.marestaurantassoc.org.

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the MRAEF/NRAEF co-branded awards, there are \$2,000 matching scholarships available to eligible students enrolling at the following institutions:

- Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, NY, for up to 5 students (**freshmen only**)
- Newbury College, Brookline, MA, for up to 3 students (**freshmen only**)
- New England Culinary Institute, Montpelier, VT, for up to 5 students (**freshmen & undergraduates**)

Please Tear Along Perforation And Keep This Sheet For Your Records

SECTION 1 - PERSONAL INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

Please check one of the following:

_____ I am a ProStart® student, or I have been a ProStart® student.

_____ I am an undergraduate.

_____ I am a high school senior or graduate; I have not participated in a ProStart® program.

_____ I am a GED credential holder.

Social Security Number (include here ONLY) _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code +4 _____

Home Phone Number (_____) _____ Cell Number (_____) _____

Email _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age _____

U.S. Citizen: Yes No (If not, Permanent Resident: Yes No)

Massachusetts Resident: Yes No

SECTION 2 - SCHOOL INFORMATION

All candidates must have a minimum, cumulative grade point average of 2.65 on a 4.0 scale, or an average standard score of 470 or more on a GED transcript.

ProStart® and high school seniors & graduates must include a current transcript and have Guidance verify the GPA on a 4.0 scale by circling the GPA and signing it.

GED credential holders must include a copy of the official GED transcript or certificate with GED test results indicating an average standard score of 470 or more.

A. High School and/or GED Information (must be completed by all applicants):

High School Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code +4 _____

Guidance Counselor Name and Phone _____

Graduation Date (month/year) _____ Cumulative GPA on 4.0 Scale _____

Date received GED _____ What is the average of your standard score results? _____

B. College Information: List the college you are planning to attend, or are attending.

Undergraduates: Include a current college transcript, with the GPA circled and signed by your advisor.

Incoming freshmen: Include a copy of your letter of acceptance.

College or University Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code +4 _____

Annual Tuition..... \$ _____

Fees, books, supplies, uniforms..... \$ _____

Total Tuition..... \$ _____

Financial Aid Officer Name and Phone _____

Major _____ Expected Date of College Graduation (month/year) _____

This is a: Culinary Institute 2-year College 4-year College

For undergraduate students only: Cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale _____

I plan to pursue/receive a: Certificate Associate's Degree Bachelor's Degree

SECTION 3 - RESTAURANT/FOODSERVICE-RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

List restaurant/foodservice-related work experience ONLY, with most recent experience listed first.

ProStart® and other high school seniors must have a minimum of 250 hours of paid or volunteer work experience. High school graduates, undergraduates and GED credential holders need a minimum of 750 hours of paid work experience.

**** Proof of ALL hours worked and a letter of recommendation must be submitted with your Application. ****

Company Name, City, State	Type of Business, Position Held, Brief Job Description	Dates Employed & Total Months Worked	Rate of Pay per Hour	Average Hours Worked per Month	Total # of Hours Worked
Phone # ()					
Phone # ()					
Phone # ()					

Total Hours Worked: _____
 (MRAEF: check here if hours have been verified)

SECTION 4 - COLLEGES ATTENDED (Complete this section ONLY if applicable)

Other than your present college, list any post-secondary schools that you have attended, with the most recent school listed first.

**** You must include a transcript from each college listed with your Application. ****

College Name, City, State	Dates Attended	Degree Earned

SECTION 5 - ESSAY TOPICS

All high school seniors must complete one essay using the following question. (Word Count: 300 max.)

1) You are choosing a career in the hospitality industry. What has led you to this career path, and what do you hope to achieve?

Graduates, undergraduates and GED credential holders must complete two essays using the following questions. (Word Count: 300 max. per essay)

1) First experiences can be defining. Cite a first experience that you had that is related to the restaurant or foodservice industry. Explain its impact on you and why.

2) Create a metaphor for yourself using something you would find in your kitchen or a restaurant. List as many similarities or relationships between yourself and this object as you can think of, then elaborate on this comparison in an essay. Why is this object a good representation of you?

Please type (double-spaced), and be sure to put your name on each essay. Attach at the end of the Application.

DO NOT include your SSN on the pages. Judges will score based on your ability to express yourself articulately along with strongly considering presentation.

SECTION 6 - INTERESTS

Please answer this question: What area of the restaurant/foodservice industry do you plan on entering after college graduation, and what is your ultimate goal in the industry?

SECTION 7 - HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS (OPTIONAL)

Attach a separate page. Include honors and achievements during high school and/or college. List academic honors, offices, or leadership positions (date, organization, position), awards you've won, and other extracurricular activities in which you participated.

SECTION 8 - OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Are there any other considerations, financial or other, for the judges to review?

If yes, attach a separate page with your name, summarizing your comments. Yes, see attached. No

SECTION 9 - REQUIRED SIGNATURE (PLEASE READ PRIOR TO SIGNING)

To the best of my knowledge I've provided accurate information concerning all questions on this Application. I agree to report to the MRAEF any changes that could affect consideration of my Application. I understand failure to provide valid and complete info could result in recall and withdrawal of all awards made by the MRAEF.

If I become an award recipient, I permit the MRAEF to use my name, town, and photo on its website, in newsletters, press releases and brochures, etc. as part of its campaign to recognize the industry's current and future leaders.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

(ALL high school senior applicants and all other applicants age 18 and under are required to provide the info requested below.)

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Phone: Day (_____) _____ Evening (_____) _____



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