

MRA Educational Foundation Co-Branded 2015 Scholarship Application



Follow our “Recipe” for a chance to receive up to \$5,000, and you can reapply during college!

This spring, the MRA Educational Foundation (MRAEF) in partnership with the NRA Educational Foundation (NRAEF) will be awarding scholarships in amounts up to \$5,000. Candidates must be ProStart® students, high school seniors, college undergraduates or GED credential holders who meet the following criteria.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. 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).
2. Must be a Massachusetts resident.
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.65 on a 4.0 scale, or GED test results of 470 or more.

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- The GPA must be at least 2.65 on a 4.0 scale (GED scores must be 470 or more).
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- Completed required essay question(s).
- A signed letter of recommendation on letterhead from a current or previous employer which must be dated within the last six months.
- Unless you are an undergraduate, include a copy of your college acceptance letter.

With respect to our Scholarship Committee, we will not be able to accept incomplete, illegible or applications submitted after April 3, 2015.

**Please, scan and email or mail your Application and all required materials
ON OR BEFORE APRIL 3, 2015 to:**

**Stacey Sawyer, Director of Education
Massachusetts Restaurant Association Educational Foundation
333 Turnpike Rd., Suite 102, Southborough, MA 01772-1775
(508) 303-9905
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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.

Applications must be typed. Please, download the Application from the MRA website at www.massrestaurantassoc.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, 2015 through April 3, 2015.
All Applications must be postmarked no later than April 3, 2015.***

Award recipients will be notified by U.S. mail on or before May 15, 2015.

Award winners must maintain a 2.65 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.

Please, do not staple or fold the application. Paper clips are acceptable.

Also, do not put materials into report covers, etc.

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.massrestaurantassoc.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)

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; I have not participated in a ProStart® program.
- I am a GED credential holder.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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

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

U.S. Citizen: Yes No (If not, Permanent 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 must include a current transcript and have Guidance verify the GPA on a 4.0 scale by circling the GPA and signing by 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 _____

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:

Undergraduates: Include an official current college transcript.

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

College or University Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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 - 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 or University Name _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Dates Attended _____ Degree Earned _____

College or University Name _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Dates Attended _____ Degree Earned _____

SECTION 4 - RESTAURANT/FOODSERVICE-RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

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

Company Name _____

City _____ State _____ Phone # (_____) _____

Type of Business _____

Position Held _____

Brief Job Description _____

Dates Employed & Total Months Worked _____

Rate of Pay per Hour _____ Total # of Hours Worked _____

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For Sections 5-7, please type (double-spaced), and be sure to put your name on your essays. Attach at the end of the Application.

SECTION 5 - ESSAY TOPICS

High School Seniors

All high school seniors and GED credential holders must complete one essay using the following questions.

(Word Count: 300 - 500 words)

Create a metaphor for yourself using something you would find in your kitchen or 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?

Undergraduates

Undergraduates must complete the following TWO essay questions. (Word Count: 300 - 500 words per essay)

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

Pick a current issue that affects the restaurant industry. Briefly discuss how the issue affects the industry. Provide specific examples of what you would do to address the issue and try to solve it.

SECTION 6 – INTERESTS

Essay – 200 - 300 words

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 – HELP US GET TO KNOW YOU

Choose two short answer questions (100 words max.)

- What person in your life most influenced your interest in the foodservice and hospitality field? Explain how that person made a difference and helped to put you on your career path.
- How has your post-secondary education fine-tuned your career goals?
- Tell us about your best teacher and why they're the best.

SECTION 8 - HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS (OPTIONAL)

List all honors and achievements. 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 9 - OTHER CONSIDERATIONS (OPTIONAL)

Are there any other considerations, financial or other, for the judges to review? If yes, you may also attach a separate page with your name, summarizing your comments. Yes, see attached. No

SECTION 10 – SIGNATURE REQUIRED

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 information 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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