



2026

*Scholarship
Application*

MISSION

The Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Education Foundation (formerly HospitalityTN Education Foundation) recognizes students pursuing education in hospitality and tourism who excel in academics, work, and school-related activities.

Our Mission: To equip the next generation of hospitality and tourism professionals with the skills they need to succeed.

Scholarship funds are distributed directly to the school for tuition, books, and other educational expenses. Any remaining funds must be returned to TNHTEF. Recipients who fail to enroll must notify TNHTEF immediately.

Scholarship Awards

- Gibson Hospitality Venturers Scholarship – \$5,000
 - A. Marshall Hospitality Scholarship – \$5,000
 - Vision Hospitality Group Scholarship – \$3,000
- Les Dames d’Escoffier Scholarship – \$3,000 (Awarded to one female student pursuing a career in hospitality, tourism, or culinary arts.)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Enrolled full-time in a hospitality- or tourism-related degree program in Tennessee (full-time defined as 12+ credit hours)
2. OR High school senior accepted into a Tennessee hospitality program, with plans to enroll full-time in Fall 2026 (out-of-state exceptions may be considered)
3. Minimum 2.7 GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
4. Past or present work experience in the hospitality/tourism industry

Enrollment documentation required prior to scholarship disbursement.

****Submit your completed application by
Thursday, April 30, 2026!***

****All information to be provided in a
single file***

**Email To:
Brittany Barragan, Director of
Education & Events
Brittany@TNHTA.org**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Personal Essay (500 words or less – attach separately)
- What sparked your interest in hospitality/tourism?
- What traits do you possess (or need to develop) for success in this industry?
- What are your educational and career goals in hospitality/tourism?
- Activity Summary (250 words or less – attach separately)
- Describe your campus, community, and professional involvement.
- Transcript (Unofficial copies accepted)
- Letter of Recommendation
 - From a faculty member or industry mentor
- **All information to be provided in a single file**



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name (First, Middle, Last)

Address

City + State Zip Code

Phone Number E-Mail

Student ID Number

Current Year Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Major Previous HTEF Scholarship Recipient? Yes No

GPA

College/University

School Address

City + State Zip Code

Letter of Recommendation Submitted by:

CAREER INTEREST

- Hospitality & Tourism Management
Restaurant Management
Revenue Management
Sales/Marketing/Tourism Promotion
Culinary Arts
Other:

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- Completed Application Form
500-Word Personal Essay
250-Word Activity Summary
Current Transcript (unofficial copies accepted)
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