

WACA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This scholarship was established by the Washington Area Concierge Association (WACA) as a long-term commitment to the hospitality and tourism industry to support the development of skilled professionals. Financial support is provided for enrollment in an accredited undergraduate academic program leading to a career in hospitality.

Scholarship offerings: The maximum amount of scholarship funding available is \$3,000 from an established endowment.

Academic Scholarships: Only one scholarship is awarded to any one student per academic year, as follows:

- Full-time student at a four-year institution, \$3,000
 - Part-time student at a four-year institution, \$1,500
 - Full or part-time student at a two-year institution, \$750
- Full time is defined as enrollment of 12 or more hours for both the Fall and Spring semesters.

Eligibility: To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled or are planning to enroll in a U.S. undergraduate hospitality and tourism program.

Application Process: Completed applications and all enclosures are accepted starting March 1st through May 8th 2024. We will notify winners by May 17th 2024. You may be asked to attend a general membership meeting or other gathering to collect your scholarship winnings.

Application Review: Applications are evaluated according to the following categories:

- Academic record/educational qualifications
- Professional, community and extracurricular activities
- Must have a minimum average of 3.0
- Personal attributes, including career goals
- Response to the required essay question
- Neatness and completeness of application

Fund Distribution: Scholarships are issued in the name of WACA Memorial Scholarship Program according to the following procedure. Checks are issued jointly to the recipient and the academic institution and must be used exclusively for the payment of tuition, fees and books. Any remaining funds must be returned by the institution. Any recipient who fails to enroll or cancels his/her enrollment must immediately notify WACA.

Any questions regarding this scholarship can be addressed to Blake Buege, Public Relations Director, pr@dcwaca.org

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Academic Scholarship: Include the following with your application. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

1. Essay of 500 words maximum, describing your personal background including answers to the following questions:
 - a. When did you become interested in the hospitality field?
 - b. Why did you become interested in the hospitality field?
 - c. What characteristics or qualifications will allow you to succeed?
 - d. How will your education help you to achieve your career objectives and future goals?
2. Most recent college, high school or GED transcript including grade point average.

CERTIFICATION

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide proof of the information I have given on this form. I authorize any school in which I am or have been enrolled to release my most recent transcript when requested. In the event that I am awarded a scholarship, I agree to send WACA a picture of myself and give WACA permission to use the information provided in this application, my picture and any scholarship testimonial statements I provide in any WACA publication/promotional activity.

Applicant's Signature Date

Email completed applications to pr@dcwaca.org, attention Blake Buege, Public Relations Director.

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Section One: Personal Information (Please print clearly)

Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Mobile Phone:

E-mail:

Social Security Number:

Date of Birth:

Section Two: Employment History

Current Position:

Current Employer:

Start Date:

Number of Hours:

Street Address:

E-mail:

City:

State:

Zip:

Supervisor's Name:

Telephone:

Section Three: Extracurricular/Professional

List all school, community and professional activities in which you have participated and include all special awards you have received. If necessary, attach a separate sheet.

Section Four: Academic Information

Academic Institution:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Are you currently enrolled? Yes - No

If no, a copy of the letter of admittance is required, please attach to the application

What is your major?

Year in school: Incoming Freshman - Freshman - Sophomore - Junior - Senior

Enrollment status: Full-time - Part-time