



## **Academic Scholarship Policy**

The purpose of the American Hotel & Lodging Conference Foundation scholarship program is to support and empower our Hospitality students with achieving their higher educational goals and contribute to the workforce. The scholarship funds are intended to cover tuition and books.

AHLA Foundation require all applicants to be in good academic standing at their respective university/college during the time of application and being awarded scholarship funds.

AHLA Foundation will send all scholarship funds via check and/or ACH Payment to the applicant's financial aid and/or scholarship office for payment and processing.

AHLA Foundation requires all school nominated applicants to complete application and follow-up to claim scholarship funds for the academic year.

AHLA will not send scholarship funds to applicants for any reason.

AHLA will provide all necessary information to awardees with the require documents to process their financial aid

### **Applicant Agreements**

Applicants agree to expected and mandated to hold themselves accountable to completing the scholarship process from application, follow-up, and claiming the scholarship funds.

Applicants nominated by their respective schools are still expected to complete the application and all requirements to claim their funds.

Applicants will manage their financial aid account at their respective college to ensure they meet their respective university/college financial aid policies.

If applicants do not complete the necessary requirements to claim their funds before the deadline, then they've forfeited their scholarship funds.



## FAQ

- 1. If I have any scholarship-related inquiries, who should I contact?** Please contact [scholarships@ahla.com](mailto:scholarships@ahla.com). We will work to resolve any issues and facilitate your award acceptance process as quickly as possible.
- 2. When is the deadline for submitting the academic scholarship application?** The deadline has been set to March 23rd, 2026. Please ensure all required materials are submitted by this date.
- 3. How many recommendation letters are needed to consider an application Complete?** The applicant must submit two letters of recommendation for the application to be accepted.
- 4. How will the scholarship funds be disbursed?** Recipients receive their scholarship award in one installment per academic year. Half the award amount is applied to the fall semester and half to the spring semester.
- 5. When are scholarship funds disbursed?** The funds will be dispersed by August of 2026. Please allow time for checks to arrive and be processed with your schools' financial aid office.
- 6. Can the students receive their award at an earlier date?** Scholarship funds cannot be dispersed prior to the designated disbursement date.
- 7. Can exceptions be made to disburse all the scholarship funds for students in one term rather than half per two disbursement periods?** We are unable to make changes to the method of fund disbursement.