

City of Miami Beach Tourism & Travel Scholarship Program

Application Eligibility

The follow represents eligibility criteria for the scholarship program. Failure to meet any one of the items indicated below can result in disqualification.

- ◆ High school diploma or equivalent
- ◆ City of Miami Beach resident **or** graduate of Miami Beach Senior High School
- ◆ United States resident, citizen, or visiting student with valid student visa for college admission
- ◆ Enrollment in post-secondary education institution
- ◆ Interest expressed in the food and hospitality industry (as demonstrated by coursework, extracurricular activities, awards & recognitions and declared college major)
- ◆ Minimum 2.5 Grade Point Average (unweighted)
- ◆ Scholarship Application completed accurately
- ◆ Two letters of recommendation (with at least one describing interest or history in hospitality industry)
- ◆ Certified copy of most recent school transcript or Credit History form
- ◆ Resume
- ◆ Applications are accepted from qualified candidates for up to five years after graduation from Miami Beach Senior High School
- ◆ Interview by Selection Committee, if deemed appropriate by Selection Committee

The following criteria will be evaluated and weighted in the selection process but will not restrict applicants meeting the criteria above:

- ◆ Applicant ethnicity
- ◆ Economic need
- ◆ Community service or civic involvement
- ◆ Internship and/or work experience within the food and hospitality industry
- ◆ Secondary school enrollment

Scholarship Awards

Scholarships will be awarded based on merit and available funds. Scholarship disbursement is at the discretion of the scholarship sponsors.

Application Submission

Eligible applicants **must** submit the following at the time of application:

- 1) Application form accurately completed and **typewritten**;
- 2) Certified copy of most recent school transcript or Credit History form;
- 3) Copy of current lease, utility bill or other acceptable documentation establishing City of Miami Beach residency or certified transcript demonstrating enrolment in Miami Beach Senior High School;
- 4) Copy of one of the following: birth certificate, Social Security Card, Resident Alien Card, or valid student visa;
- 5) Two letters of recommendation (with at least one describing interest or history in hospitality industry);
- 6) Resume;
- 7) Proof of acceptance or enrollment in post-secondary education institution; and
- 8) Additional support material representing community service, internship experience or civic involvement

Completed applications and support material must be submitted by **Friday, May 9, 2014**:

Postal submissions:

City of Miami Beach Office of Community Services
C/o City of Miami Beach Travel & Tourism Scholarship Program
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Hand-delivered submissions:

City of Miami Beach Office of Community Services
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Electronic submissions:

mariarui@miamibeachfl.gov

Applications available online at www.miamibeachfl.gov or via request at mariarui@miamibeachfl.gov

Selection Process

Eligible applications will follow this selection process:

- 1) Applications will be screened for eligibility as defined in the eligibility criteria.
- 2) Eligible applications will be screened and weighted for the following criteria:
 - ◆ Applicant ethnicity
 - ◆ Economic need
 - ◆ Community service or civic involvement
 - ◆ Internship experience within the food and hospitality industry
 - ◆ Secondary school enrollment
- 3) Applicants receiving the highest numerical evaluation based on the weighted criteria may be scheduled for a personal interview before the Selection Committee.
- 4) Applicants appearing before the Selection Committee will receive a numerical score for their performance before the Committee.
- 5) The Committee reserves the right to alter the award distribution in the event of scoring ties or the submission of less than expected applications.

Screening Process

All applications received by the posted deadline at the City of Miami Beach Office of Community Services will be screened for eligibility. Eligibility screening will be limited to ensure compliance to the following criteria:

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- ◆ Enrollment in post-secondary education institution
- ◆ Interest expressed in the food and hospitality industry (as demonstrated by coursework, extracurricular activities, awards & recognitions and declared college major)
- ◆ Minimum 2.5 Grade Point Average (unweighted)
- ◆ Application completed accurately
- ◆ Two letters of recommendation
- ◆ Certified copy of school transcript or Credit History form
- ◆ Resume
- ◆ Interview by Selection Committee, if selected by Selection Committee
- ◆ If selected to receive scholarship from Centerplate, recipient can choose to complete a paid internship/mentorship with Centerplate within one year of receipt of scholarship.
- ◆ Scholarship awards will be presented at a Miami Beach City Commission meeting.

Selection Committee

The City of Miami Beach Travel & Tourism Selection Committee will be comprised of the following:

- ◆ A representative of Centerplate
- ◆ A representative Global Spectrum
- ◆ A representative of the Greater Miami & the Beaches Convention & Visitors Bureau
- ◆ A representative of the City of Miami Beach

Application Tips

Please make sure of the following prior to submitting your application:

- Complete the application form in its entirety.
- Ensure that correct spellings and appropriate grammar is used throughout application and attachments.
- Provide as much information as possible regarding your interest, work history or experience in the hospitality field.
- Ensure that all requested attachments are included in the order requested.
- Submit your application at least one week before the posted deadline if you would like a courtesy review and feedback from staff.

2014 Scholarship Application

Applicant Information

Name		Date of Birth		
Social Security Number		Grade Point Average (Unweighted)		
Address		Household Income		
Home Telephone		Cellular Telephone		
E-mail Address		Alternate Telephone		
Residency Status	<input type="checkbox"/> US Citizen	<input type="checkbox"/> US Resident	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Visa	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
High School	College/University			

Please answer each of the following questions completely. Use additional pages, if necessary. (Only Typewritten relies will be accepted.)

1. Describe your involvement in the food and hospitality industry.

2. Describe your civic involvement and/or community service history.

3. Describe your education plans including college you will attend and major.

4. What impact, if any, will this scholarship have on your education?

Applicant Signature

Date

*The scholarship sponsors reserve the right to change or amend the scholarship program to facilitate equity and fairness for all applicants.
The scholarship sponsors are equal opportunity employers.*