

## 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:

- ◆ Economic need
- ◆ Community service or civic involvement
- ◆ Internship experience within the food and hospitality industry
- ◆ Secondary school enrollment
- ◆ Academics
- ◆ Type of University/College (Public or Private Institution)

### *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
- 8) Additional support material representing community service, internship experience or civic involvement

Completed applications and support material must be submitted by **Thursday, April 1, 2010**:

### **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  
C/o City of Miami Beach Travel & Tourism Scholarship Program  
1700 Convention Center Drive  
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

### **Electronic submissions:**

[mariarui@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:mariarui@miamibeachfl.gov)

Applications available online at [www.miamibeachfl.gov](http://www.miamibeachfl.gov) or via request at [mariarui@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto: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:
  - ◆ Economic need
  - ◆ Community service or civic involvement
  - ◆ Internship experience within the food and hospitality industry
  - ◆ Secondary school enrollment
  - ◆ Academics
  - ◆ Type of University/College (Public or Private Institution)
- 3) Applicants receiving the highest numerical evaluation based on the weighted criteria may be scheduled for a personal interview before the Selection Committee.
- 4) 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:

- ◆ High school diploma or equivalent
- ◆ City of Miami Beach resident **or** graduate of Miami Beach Senior High School
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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, 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 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 are used throughout application and attachments.
- Provide as much information as possible regarding your interest, work history or experience in the hospitality, tourism and food 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.

## Scholarship Application

### Applicant Information

Name	Date of Birth			
Social Security	Grade Point Average (Unweighted)			
Address	Apartment #			
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. (Typewritten only.)

1. Describe your involvement in the hospitality, tourism and food 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?

5. What impact will you make on the hospitality, tourism and food industry?

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Applicant Signature

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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.*