

The Colorado Hospitality Scholarship Program is inclusive of two different scholarship programs in 2020. Each scholarship is funded through the state's leading trade association and designed to help support students pursuing degrees in the hospitality and tourism industry at accredited, four-year universities, or colleges. Students who meet the criteria for each of these scholarships are invited to apply.

Hospitality Scholarships Available



MDLC Scholarship: Funded through the Metro Denver Lodging Council (MDLC), a council of the Colorado Hotel & Lodging Association, which address issues that pertain specifically to metro Denver area hotels. This year, MDLC will award up to \$60,000 in scholarships.

MDLC Emerging Leader Scholarship: In addition to the scholarships above, the MDLC will also be giving out one \$5,000 scholarship to an emerging leader in Denver's hospitality industry. The qualifications and requirements are the same as the MDLC scholarships, but in addition the candidate must be in or working toward a supervisory position in a Denver hotel and must submit a letter of recommendation from their manager.

MDLC scholarship funding available for distribution this year: \$65,000.



Karl Mehlmann Scholarship: Funded through the American Hotel & Lodging Education Foundation (AH&LEF) and administered through the Colorado Hotel & Lodging Association (CHLA).

Background information: This scholarship is named after Karl W. Mehlmann who served as an outstanding leader in the Colorado hospitality industry for over 40 years and was an active figure in furthering education within the lodging industry.

Karl Mehlmann scholarship funding available for distribution this year: \$9,000

Please carefully read through the qualifications and requirements on the following pages and submit your application with attachments **no later than April 24, 2020.**

All applications and attachments must be submitted through the CHLA website, www.chla.com, by Friday, April 24th.

Applications submitted by email or using prior year applications will not be accepted.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICANTS

MDLC Scholarship

1. Must be enrolled in a four-year (4) university or college in the Denver metropolitan area.
2. Must be majoring in a hospitality management program.
3. Must currently be a freshman (having completed a full semester), sophomore or junior to apply.
4. Seniors may apply if planning to immediately continue to graduate school and studying in a hospitality graduate program (at a school in in the Denver metropolitan area) with proof of acceptance.
5. Must carry a minimum workload of 9 credit hours per quarter or semester.
6. Must have and maintain a minimum overall grade point average of 3.0 on a 4-point scale.

MDLC Emerging Leader Scholarship

1. Must be enrolled in a four-year (4) university or college in the Denver metropolitan area.
2. Must be majoring in a hospitality management program.
3. Must be working in or advancing toward holding a supervisory position in a Denver area hotel and must submit a letter of recommendation from your manager.
4. Must currently be a freshman (having completed a full semester), sophomore or junior to apply.
5. Seniors may apply if planning to immediately continue to graduate school and studying in a hospitality graduate program (at a school in in the Denver metropolitan area) with proof of acceptance.
6. Must carry a minimum workload of 9 credit hours per quarter or semester.
7. Must have and maintain a minimum overall grade point average of 3.0 on a 4-point scale.

Karl Mehlmann Scholarship

1. Must be enrolled in an AH&LEF affiliated and accredited four-year (4) university or college (see enclosed list on following page) and be majoring in a hospitality management program.
2. Must currently be a freshman (having completed a full semester), sophomore or junior to apply.
3. Seniors may apply if planning to immediately continue to graduate school and studying in a hospitality graduate program (through an AH&LEF affiliated school) with proof of acceptance.
4. Must carry a minimum workload of 12 credit hours per quarter or semester.
5. Must have and maintain a minimum overall grade point average of 2.5 on a 4-point scale.
6. Must be a citizen of the United States.

American Hotel & Lodging Educational Foundation (AH&LEF)
Affiliated Schools 2020 Academic Year
(for use in Karl W. Mehlmann Scholarship only)

Ashland University – Ashland, OH
 Auburn University – Auburn, AL
 Bethune-Cookman University – Daytona Beach, FL
 Boston University – Boston, MA
 California State Polytechnic University – Pomona, CA
 California State University – Long Beach, CA
 Cornell University – Ithaca, NY
 The Culinary Institute – Hyde Park, NY
 DePaul University – Chicago, IL
 Drexel University – Philadelphia, PA
 East Carolina University – Greenville, NC
 East Stroudsburg University – East Stroudsburg, PA
 Erie Community College – Williamsville, NY
 Ferris State University – Big Rapids, MI
 Florida Atlantic University – Boca Raton, FL
 Florida International University – N. Miami, FL
 Florida State University – Tallahassee, FL
 George Washington University – Washington, DC
 Georgia State University – Atlanta, GA
 Grand Valley State University – Allendale, MI
 Indiana University Purdue University – Indianapolis, IN
 Iowa State University – Ames, IA
 James Madison University – Harrisonburg VA
 Johnson & Wales University – Charlotte, NC
 Johnson & Wales University – Denver, CO
 Mercyhurst College – Erie, PA
 Michigan State University – East Lansing, MI
 Missouri State University – Springfield, MO
 Morgan State University – Baltimore, MD
 New Mexico State University – Las Cruces, NM
 New York University – New York, NY
 Niagara University – Niagara, NY
 North Carolina Central University – Durham, NC
 Northern Arizona University – Flagstaff, AZ

Northwestern State University – Natchitoches, LA
 Oklahoma State University – Stillwater, OK
 Paul Smith's College – Paul Smiths, NY
 Pennsylvania State University – University Park, PA
 Purdue University – West Lafayette, IN
 The Restaurant School – Philadelphia, PA
 Robert Morris University – Moon Township, PA
 Rochester Institute of Technology – Rochester, NY
 San Diego State University – San Diego, CA
 Stephen F. Austin University – Nacogdoches, TX
 Sullivan University – Louisville, KY
 Texas Tech University – Lubbock, TX
 Tuskegee University – Tuskegee, AL
 University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa, AL
 University of Central Florida – Orlando, FL
 University of Delaware – Newark, DE
 University of Denver – Denver, CO
 University of Hawaii - Manoa – Honolulu, HI
 University of Houston – Houston, TX
 University of Maryland Eastern Shore – Princess Anne, MD
 University of Massachusetts – Amherst, MA
 University of Missouri – Columbia, MO
 University of New Hampshire – Durham, NH
 University of Nevada - Las Vegas, NV
 University of New Hampshire – Durham, NH
 University of San Francisco/McClaren – San Francisco CA
 University of South Carolina – Columbia, SC
 University of Southern Mississippi – Hattiesburg, MS
 University of Tennessee – Knoxville, TN
 University of Wisconsin/Stout – Menomonie, WI
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University -Blacksburg, VA
 Virginia State University – Petersburg, VA
 Washington State University - Pullman, WA
 Widener University – Chester, PA

CHECKLIST OF APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

** Please note that all of these scholarships have the same application requirement standards; however, you will only need to submit **ONE** overall copy of everything listed below.*

Check each item below before completing your application:

-] **Application must be typed**
-] **You must send a copy of your transcript**
 - Please attach an unofficial copy to your application - it will need to be signed by your school's Dean, Director, or Chair.
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-] **Resume.** This is particularly important as the Committee would like to see what work experience students have in the industry (differentiate between internships vs. regular work experience), as well as active participation in a hospitality industry association, and community involvement. Please indicate leadership vs. community service.
-] **Essay*** (limited to two pages; typed; single spaced) that includes...
 - Brief autobiography (limit to half a page)
 - Your definition of what "hospitality" is
 - Reasons as to why you've selected the hospitality industry for your career
 - Your goals that you would like to achieve in this industry
-] **Recommendation letter (typed; signed; on letterhead) from College or University.**
*Please note that the letter must be current and written within the last six-months.
-] **Recommendation letter (typed; signed; on letterhead) from the hotel manager where you work.** Only necessary if you're applying for the MDLC Emerging Leader Scholarship.
-] **SUBMITTED ON or BEFORE THE APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, April 24, 2020 THROUGH THE CHLA WEBSITE, www.chla.com.**

* Your application and the additional attachments **must be complete according to the above-mentioned requirements** to be considered for these scholarships.

* Recipients should be competent communicators; therefore, writing skills and grammar will be taken into account and any errors will be deducted from the overall score.