



2019 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Application Deadline: January 31, 2019

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

The purpose of the Louisiana Restaurant Association Education Foundation (LRAEF) scholarship program is to support the continuing education of individuals pursuing a career in the culinary and/or hospitality industry. Scholarship awards are merit-based and may vary based on available funds. The LRAEF reserves the right to make exceptions based on circumstance. Checks will be issued directly to the educational institution after confirmation of student's full-time enrollment is received. Funds may be used for tuition, books, fees, room, and board. Funds are only good for one school year cycle. Students need to reapply each year to be considered for a scholarship in the next cycle.

AWARDS:

The 2019 scholarship awards are listed below. Applicants will only need to submit one application, which will be considered among the following scholarships based on eligibility by the LRAEF Scholarship Committee:

- ❖ **Jim Funk Scholarship:** Awarded to the top scholarship applicant for the current cycle.
- ❖ **LRAEF ProStart Scholarship:** Awarded exclusively to qualified students who achieved the ProStart Certificate of Achievement.*
- ❖ **LRA Board Fund Scholarship:** Awarded to qualified Louisiana students who intend to pursue a career in the restaurant, foodservice, tourism, or hospitality industry. This Fund is supported through a generous annual donation by the LRA Board of Directors.
- ❖ **LRA CENLA Chapter Scholarship:** Presented by the LRA CENLA Chapter, this scholarship is awarded to qualified applicants from the Chapter's eleven (11) parish area: Avoyelles, Beauregard, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, Vernon, and Winn parishes.
- ❖ **Louisiana Seafood Scholarship:** Established through a generous gift from the Louisiana Seafood Promotion & Marketing Board, this scholarship is awarded to qualified applicants who show an interest in cultivating, protecting, and promoting Louisiana seafood.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must be accepted or currently enrolled in a bachelor and/or associate degree program for at least two (2) consecutive semesters/terms reflecting a full school schedule (12 hours). Courses of study can include, but are not limited to, culinary, hospitality & tourism, business, culinary/FACS teaching degree, or management programs in order to pursue a career in the restaurant, foodservice, tourism, or hospitality industry and teaching culinary education. Funds cannot go to certificate programs. Applicants chosen as scholarship recipients must be full-time students. (Full-time: enrolled in at least 12 hours or the equivalent.) The student must also have and maintain a 2.5 GPA minimum while receiving scholarship award through school year.

Scholarships will be announced in early spring. It is highly suggested that scholarship recipients be present at the Louisiana Restaurant Association Scholarship award spring event to receive their awards; will not affect eligibility if cannot attend. More details (time and place) will be provided to recipients as they become available. Recipients may be required to be present at other events related to the scholarship awards.

APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT ALL INFORMATION BY 11:59 PM, January 31, 2019:

1. **Completed Online Application** (found at <http://www.lra.org/scholarships.html>)
2. **Additional documents** (send to LRAEF@lra.org):
 - a. **Two (s) Letter of Recommendation Forms**- Letter of Recommendation Forms should be completed by a foodservice or hospitality employer (preferred) and an instructor whom you have worked with during the past year. A form from an additional instructor or other type of employer will be accepted if you have not worked with a foodservice or hospitality employer; no family members.
 - b. **Current Transcript with Fall 2018 grade information** (Transcripts must be sent after Fall 2018 grades are posted. Transcripts must be official.
 - c. **Copy of ProStart® Certificate of Achievement** (if applicable)* Note- if applicant is a current high school student planning to enroll as an incoming college freshman, he or she must be able to present the **COA** by their projected high school graduation date (passing levels 1 and 2 exams, completing 400 approved industry hours, and the Experience Checklist.) If unable to receive the **COA**, the applicant will not be considered for this scholarship.

INFORMATION REQUIRED ON APPLICATION:

Student profile information:

- Basic personal information (name, address, email address, basic demographic information)
- Parent/legal guardian name and contact information (if applicant is under the age of 18 at the time of application)
- ProStart and Louisiana ProStart Invitational history if applies to applicant
- Secondary school information (address, graduation date, current GPA, cumulative GPA, current official transcript.)
- Post-secondary school information (Financial Aid Office address and phone number, expected graduation date, classification, degree type and academic program/major, student ID/enrollment verification number)
- Information about academic honors and achievements, leadership positions held, community service, and extracurricular activities or awards.
- Hospitality work experience (including employer name and address, job title, job duties, supervisor name and contact information, dates worked, and approximate hours worked per week/month)

Short answer questions on application:

- What area in foodservice or hospitality are you most interested in and why?
- Briefly describe your career goals and aspirations in the foodservice or hospitality industry
- Describe an experience from your life and explain how it has influenced your career choice.
- Briefly describe why earning a scholarship award from the LRAEF is important to you.
- Briefly describe one academic or workplace challenge you have faced and how you overcame it.

Please contact the LRAEF office with any scholarship application questions

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