



2018 Academic Scholarship Application Form

The Visit Baltimore Foundation was established to help Baltimore young people and area residents gain skills and improve their career opportunities in the tourism industry. This includes offering scholarships to support students pursuing tourism-related degrees at regional institutions of higher learning.

Eligible students can receive *up to* \$5,000 for tuition expenses (note - amount and number of awards will vary). Applications will be considered on a **merit-basis inclusive of academic record, letter(s) of recommendation, written essay and tourism industry experience.**

Criteria

- Current resident of State of Maryland (preference given to Baltimore City)
- Enrolled in an accredited, post-secondary (e.g. associate, undergraduate or graduate) degree program in Maryland (preference given to the greater Baltimore area), **including but not limited to:**
 - Hospitality Management;
 - Foodservice and the Culinary Arts;
 - Museum studies; and
 - Marketing/business majors *as long as the applicant can demonstrate his/her intent to utilize these skills in the hospitality, meetings or tourism industry.*
- Furthermore...
 - If second year or returning student, minimum 3.0 G.P.A. (on a 4.0 scale)
 - If an entering, first-year student, minimum of six (6) months of work experience in a hospitality or tourism related position.

How to Apply

- Complete the application form and submit a **typewritten** essay of no more than 500 words on the following:
 - Your interest in the tourism industry (Why have you chosen your current course of study? What you hope to accomplish in your career?)
 - How you will use the scholarship (Highlighting relevant coursework and goals for your academic year)
 - Why you feel the scholarship should be awarded to you (Please reference the eligibility criteria and expand upon your goals, your interests and/or your relevant industry experience)
- Include in your submission:
 - Copy of Transcript and/or (for new students) proof of University/Program acceptance
 - Resume detailing education history, extracurricular activities, tourism industry experience and any additional honors, awards, or volunteer work
 - Letter(s) of recommendation from a faculty advisor, internship supervisor, previous employer or other meetings/hospitality/tourism industry professional

Applications must be postmarked by May 18, 2018.

Return application, essay and all supplementary materials to:

Visit Baltimore Education & Training Foundation, Inc., 100 Light Street, 12th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202

Email: foundation@baltimore.org

Fax: 443.817.0613



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Application Form (Please type)

I. Personal Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Current Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Date of Birth _____

Optional *The Foundation's is an equal opportunity scholarship program. Please check one of the following:*

Gender: Female Male

Ethnic Origin: African-American Hispanic Asian-American Caucasian Other _____

II. Program/School Information

School Name _____

Address _____

Financial Aid Office Address _____

Financial Aid Office Phone Number _____

Major/Tourism Program _____

Expected Graduation Date _____ Student ID# (if available) _____

IF A RETURNING STUDENT:

Number of credits completed _____ Cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale) _____

IF A FIRST-YEAR, INCOMING STUDENT:

I confirm that I have at least 6 months of hospitality or tourism work experience

III. Application Checklist

- Attached/Enclosed:
- Completed application form
 - 500 word essay
 - Transcript or proof of enrollment
 - Resume
 - Letter(s) of recommendation

I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements of this award and that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I grant permission for the Visit Baltimore Education & Training Foundation to use my name and scholarship award in its publications.

Student Signature

Date