



**2025 Scholarship Application**  
**To complete this scholarship application online visit:**  
**www.iraef.org**

**Deadline to submit: Friday, April 25, 2025**

**SECTION 1 GENERAL INFORMATION**

*\*Scholarship correspondence may be mailed and/or emailed. To ensure you receive information promptly, please provide the mailing address, email address, and phone number where you can be contacted. **\*IMPORTANT NOTE\*** If you do not receive confirmation or correspondence within 1 week of application submission, please contact Katelyn Adams immediately: [kadams@restaurantiowa.com](mailto:kadams@restaurantiowa.com) or 515-276-1454.*

**1. Are you a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident Alien?**  Yes  No  
*You must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident Alien to be eligible for this scholarship.*

**2. First Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Middle Initial** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Phone Number** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **5. Cell Number** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Permanent Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Gender** \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Race/Ethnicity:** *You may supply this information voluntarily. The Iowa Restaurant Association Education Foundation administers an equal opportunity scholarship program.*

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|--|---|------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> American Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="radio"/> Hispanic or Latino                        | <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Asian                            | <input type="radio"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander |                                    |
| <input type="radio"/> Black or African American        | <input type="radio"/> White or Caucasian                        |                                    |

**9. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ **10. Current Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**11. How did you first learn about this Iowa Restaurant Association Education Foundation Scholarship opportunity?**

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|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Employer          | <input type="radio"/> IRAEF Social Media       | <input type="radio"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Family Member     | <input type="radio"/> IRAEF Website            |                                   |
| <input type="radio"/> Friends/Coworkers | <input type="radio"/> Professor/Teacher/School |                                   |

**12. Have you received a scholarship from the Iowa Restaurant Association Education Foundation before?**

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**SECTION 2 ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

*Please include information on the school/college you will be attending next term.*

13. Name of High School from which you graduated/will graduate \_\_\_\_\_

14. Year you graduated/will graduate from High School \_\_\_\_\_

15. Have you taken any ProStart classes?  Yes  No

16. Are you in the process of applying for the ProStart National Certificate of Achievement?  Yes  No

17. Have you earned the ProStart National Certificate of Achievement?  Yes  No

18. Are you ServSafe® certified?  Yes  No

19. What is your current Cumulative GPA or GED average standard score? \_\_\_\_\_  
Please use the GPA or GED score stated on the transcripts submitted with your application packet.

20. College you are/will be attending \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

21. What type of college will you attend?

- Vocational  Community College / 2 year College  4 year college  Culinary Institute

22. Will you attend a private or public college?  Private  Public, In-state  Public, Out-of-state

23. When do you expect to graduate from this College? \_\_\_\_\_

24. What is your major?

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| <input type="radio"/> Baking & Pastry Arts                             | <input type="radio"/> Culinary Management                      | <input type="radio"/> Food Science  |
| <input type="radio"/> Beverage Industry Operations & Retail Management | <input type="radio"/> Culinary Science / Culinology            | <input type="radio"/> Hospitality / Hotel / Restaurant / Tourism Management |
| <input type="radio"/> Chef Apprentice Program                          | <input type="radio"/> Dietetics / Applied Nutrition            | <input type="radio"/> Viticulture and Enology                               |
| <input type="radio"/> Culinary Arts                                    | <input type="radio"/> Foodservice / Food & Beverage Management | <input type="radio"/> Other _____   |

25. What is your minor or specialization? \_\_\_\_\_

26. List any academic honors or awards you have received in the past 2 years.

27. List any offices or leadership positions you have held in the past 2 years. Include the date, organization, and position.

28. List any other extracurricular, volunteer, or community-based activities you participate in.

**SECTION 3 EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**

The IRAEF staff and scholarship committee will evaluate you on work experience. *Please include your most recent work experience first.* Additional details about your work experience may be attached for supplemental consideration (e.g. promotions, training, work reviews).

**29. Have you ever worked in the restaurant, food service, or hospitality industry?**

Company Name, City, State, zip	Company phone number	Type of business	Job Title	Start Date	End date

**SECTION 4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**30. Which area(s) of the restaurant and foodservice industry are you interested in as a possible career choice?**  
*(You may choose more than one option.)*

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| <input type="radio"/> Brewery/Brewery Restaurant Management | <input type="radio"/> Food Journalist                     | <input type="radio"/> Nutrition/Foodservice                                |
| <input type="radio"/> Culinary Arts                         | <input type="radio"/> Food Safety                         | <input type="radio"/> On-site Foodservice                                  |
| <input type="radio"/> Education                             | <input type="radio"/> Food Stylist                        | <input type="radio"/> Purchasing and Sales                                 |
| <input type="radio"/> Entrepreneurship/Business Ownership   | <input type="radio"/> Foodservice Advertising / Marketing | <input type="radio"/> Quick Service  |
| <input type="radio"/> Environmental Health / Sustainability | <input type="radio"/> Foodservice Communications          | <input type="radio"/> Restaurant Management                                |
| <input type="radio"/> Events Management                     | <input type="radio"/> Foodservice Supply/Distribution     | <input type="radio"/> School Foodservice                                   |
| <input type="radio"/> Facilities Design                     | <input type="radio"/> Full-Service Operations             | <input type="radio"/> Supply Chain Management for Restaurant & Foodservice |
| <input type="radio"/> Fine Dining                           | <input type="radio"/> Healthcare Foodservice Management   | <input type="radio"/> Training & HR  |
|   | <input type="radio"/> Hotel / Lodging                     | <input type="radio"/> Viticulture  |
|   |   | <input type="radio"/> Other _____  |

## SECTION 5 ESSAY QUESTIONS

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Please **type** responses on a separate sheet of paper. Answers may be submitted as separate documents or one document with 1 answer per page.

**Essay 1. Write a detailed essay on your plans to work in the restaurant/foodservice/hospitality industry.**  
(Min. word count: 100, Max. word count: 500)

(Questions to consider: Why do you want to work in restaurants/foodservice/hospitality? Have you previously worked in this industry? How were you exposed to this industry? What type of career would you like to have in this industry? How long do you see yourself working in this industry? What are your short-term goals when you enter this industry? What are your long-term goals in working in this industry?)

**Essay 2. Tell us what receiving a scholarship would mean to you.** (Min. word count: 100, Max. word count: 500)

(Questions to consider: Why did you pursue your chosen major? Why is an education important to you? What are your career goals? How will this scholarship help you?)

**Essay 3. Describe a great challenge that you have had to face. How did you overcome it and what personal characteristics do you believe helped you?** (Min. word count: 100, Max. word count: 500)

(Questions to consider: What was the challenge? How did this challenge affect you? How did you overcome it? What did you learn from it?)

**Essay 4. Describe what positive impact you would like to make in the restaurant/foodservice/hospitality industry through your education.** (Min. word count: 50, Max. word count: 100)

(Questions to consider: What do you hope to contribute to the restaurant/foodservice/hospitality industry? What issues do you hope to solve? How will you make the industry better?)

**Essay 5. “Leadership is not a title or a position, it is action and example.” – Seth Godin. Please share a situation in your life that exemplifies this quote.** (Min. word count: 50, Max. word count: 200)

**Essay 6. In ONE WORD – Describe what you love about the restaurant/hospitality industry.** (Min. word count: 1, Max. word count: 1)

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**Please attach the following supporting documentation to your written application.**

- **Your current transcript**
- **Post-secondary acceptance letter OR proof of enrollment**
- **Up to three (3) letters of recommendation**

## Consent and Acknowledgement

### ***Please read prior to signing.***

To the best of my knowledge, I have provided the Iowa Restaurant Association Education Foundation (IRAEF) with accurate information concerning all questions on this application. I agree to report to the IRAEF any changes which could affect consideration of my application. I understand that failure to provide valid and complete information could result in the withdrawal of all financial assistance and recall of all awards previously made by the IRAEF.

I understand and acknowledge that all communications and notifications regarding this scholarship application may be conducted via e-mail to the e-mail address I have provided. It is my obligation to keep my contact information up to date at all times.

I understand and acknowledge that submitting a scholarship application does not guarantee a scholarship award.

I understand and acknowledge that if awarded, my scholarship funds may be forfeited if I am found to not meet the eligibility criteria as stated by the IRAEF now or at any time before funds are awarded.

Furthermore, if I become a scholarship recipient, I agree to have my information released to promote the IRAEF Scholarship Program throughout the restaurant and foodservice industry.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Required if the applicant is under the age of 18)

Parent or Guardian's Telephone Number Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

*All applicants will be notified of their status via U.S. Mail and/or Email and/or Phone.*

**Send this completed application, transcripts, copy of your post-secondary acceptance letter or proof of enrollment (or if not yet accepted, your statement concerning where your application is pending) and letter(s) of recommendation no later than Friday, April 25, 2025 to:**

Iowa Restaurant Association Education Foundation, ATTN.: May Schaben  
1501 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite # 294  
West Des Moines, Iowa 50266

OR

Application and accompanying documents can be scanned and emailed to:

[kadams@restaurantiowa.com](mailto:kadams@restaurantiowa.com)



All instructions and deadlines are valid only for the specific scholarship and deadlines stated on the instructions and application. Once the stated deadline has expired, the instructions and application are no longer valid. If you need current scholarship information, please contact the Iowa Restaurant Association Education Foundation at 515-276-1454.