

Guide to Grants, Scholarships & Professional Memberships



You will find this guide useful if you want to find opportunities for financial support in the form of grants and/or scholarships.

You will also find guidance on joining professional associations that can help build your network and offer a range of professional tools to help advance your career.

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SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

[Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation](#)

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation is the largest provider of dietetic scholarships to students at all levels of study. About 75 scholarships are available to individuals meeting the basic requirements, each with a value range of \$500 to \$10,000. Check whether you qualify for a scholarship [here](#).

[American Culinary Federation Education Foundation \(ACFEF\)](#)

ACFEF offers educational scholarships to high school students, college students, professional chefs looking to further their education or become certified and student culinary teams currently competing at ACF regional and national conferences. Professional development grants are also available for those interested in updating their skills through continuing education.

[Careers through Culinary Arts Program \(C-CAP\)](#)

Applicants must currently attend a C-CAP partner public high school or after-school program. Applicants can earn a scholarship by applying for and competing in the *C-Cap Cooking Competition for Scholarship*, a three-tier cooking competition where high school students compete for scholarships to support their post-secondary culinary and hospitality education. Competitors' mastery of basic culinary techniques is tested as they prepare recipes from memory during timed competitions. Philadelphia Post-Secondary Scholarships can be viewed [here](#).

[Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International Foundation \(HSMAI\)](#)

Merit scholarships are available to full-time Baccalaureate/Graduate Degree students, and part-time students pursuing Associate, Baccalaureate or Graduate Degrees pursuing a career in hospitality sales and marketing.

[International Association of Culinary Professionals \(IACP\)](#)

Over 20 scholarships, grants, and other professional development opportunities are available each year to help both emerging and established culinary professionals expand their skills. More details about these programs, managed by [The Culinary Trust](#), can be viewed [here](#).

[International Foodservice Editorial Council \(IFEC\)](#)

IFEC Scholarships are intended for those preparing for a career in writing or public relations within the food industry. Applicants need to demonstrate this using a combination of work experience and current and past education. In recent years, four to eight awards in amounts of \$500 to \$4,000 have been granted. A committee made up of IFEC members reviews the applications and selects the winners. Scholarship recipients are notified by mid-July.

James Beard Foundation (JBF)

The James Beard Foundation Scholarship program offers professional grants to enable those already working in the industry to gain experience and hone their skills. Scholarships are also offered in a variety of fields, including culinary studies, pastry and baking, hotel and restaurant management, wine studies, nutrition, and food writing. Information about the program is posted annually online on April 1.

JBF also offers the [Jean-Louis Palladin Professional Work/Study Grant](#), an initiative providing a series of annual grants of up to \$10,000 to working chefs. Read more about this grant and download an application form [here](#).

Les Dames d'Escoffier Philadelphia

The Philadelphia Chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier provides scholarship money to local women who are pursuing careers in food, fine beverage, and hospitality. The scholarships are awarded on merit to local women attending accredited institutions within a 50-mile radius of Philadelphia. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please contact Valerie Costanzo (vcostanzo@philasd.org) or Suzanne Weltman (sxw53@psu.edu) for an application and more information about the program.

National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF)

NRAEF offers a variety of merit-based scholarships to students who want an education and a career in the foodservice industry, starting at \$2,500 scholarships. There are many scholarships available for first-time freshmen including graduating high school seniors, GED graduates and high school graduates enrolling in college for the first time. Online applications may be completed [here](#).

Pennsylvania Restaurant Association Educational Foundation

Students resident in PA currently enrolled in an accredited Hospitality Culinary Arts program in an accredited post-secondary institution or graduating high school seniors furthering their education in the hospitality industry who have been accepted in a Hospitality or Culinary Arts program in an accredited post-secondary institution are eligible to apply for PRA's scholarship. Awards range in value from \$500 - \$1500. Applications can be downloaded and completed [here](#).

The American Hotel & Lodging Education Foundation (AH&LEF)

AH&LEF offers academic scholarships and professional development scholarships. Learn more about academic scholarships and complete an online application [here](#). To learn more about funding for professional development opportunities, look [here](#).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

[American Culinary Federation \(ACF\)](#)

The ACF is a professional, organization for chefs and cooks, founded in New York City in 1929. In fostering the growth of professional chefs and the foodservice industry, ACF offers culinary competitions, certification, a national apprenticeship program, regional and national events and publications.

[National Restaurant Association \(NRA\)](#)

NRA is the largest foodservice trade association in the world, representing and advocating for foodservice industry interests with state, local and national policymakers. Students and educators who wish to pursue further formal training in the restaurant and hospitality industry can browse scholarship opportunities from the NRA Educational Foundation, state restaurant associations and other food-related organizations [here](#).

OTHER USEFUL RESOURCES

[Scholarship Scams: What You Should Know](#)

A helpful guide about the warning signs to look for concerning scholarship scams.

[Financial Aid Reference Guide](#)

A comprehensive list of alternative financial aid resources

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