



RHODE ISLAND FOOD DEALERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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Rhode Island Food Dealers Association is happy to announce the 2013-2014 Scholarship Program. The program has been established to add economic support and provide a value-added benefit to our members and their employees. The funding for this scholarship is raised annually at our Charitable Golf Tournament and other RIFDA member events. This year's proceeds from these events will allow us to offer scholarships in the denomination of \$1,000.

The scholarship program recognizes and aids deserving students who are related by virtue of their parent's employment or their own full or part time employment in the food industry. All candidates must be recommended by a member of the RIFDA. Winners will be honored at the Annual Meeting and Holiday Gala on December 7, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Newport, RI.

OVERVIEW

OFFERING from RIFDA: \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS (One-time non-renewable grants)

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY: Requirements Include the Following:

- ◆ Candidate must be child of or employee of a Southern New England business directly active in the food industry (minimum of six months employment required)
- ◆ Applicant must be endorsed/recommended by a current RI Food Dealers Association Member
- ◆ Applicant must plan on attending an accredited two or four-year post secondary school in 2014 and has or will receive a high school diploma from an accredited institution.
- ◆ Aspirant must demonstrate financial need.

APPLICATION PROCESS: All interested candidates must submit RIFDA Scholarship Application with supporting documents to RIFDA by Friday, November 1, 2013.

- ◆ **Additional Supporting Documents Required:**
 - ❖ A recommendation from RIFDA Active Member
 - ❖ An outside recommendation (i.e. teacher, guidance counselor, coach, etc)
 - ❖ Essay of not more than 500 words outlining applicant's goals in attending post secondary education including how this funding will contribute to this goal(s)
- ◆ **Optional Documents**
 - ❖ Verifiable High School Transcripts
 - ❖ Additional letters of recommendation
- ◆ **Return application and supporting documents to:**
RIFDA Scholarship Committee
450 Veterans Memorial Parkway
Building Number 8
East Providence, RI 02914

SELECTION PROCESS: The RIFDA Scholarship Committee will review Applications and supporting documents and semi-finalist will be determined based on evaluation of these materials.

All semi-finalists will be notified and be required to participate in a brief interview with the committee between Tuesday November 12th and Saturday November 16th

- ◆ Evaluations based on the materials submitted and the interview process, will be completed and final determination made to the awardees by Tuesday, November 19th
- ◆ All decisions made by the scholarship committee based on tangible and intangible documents and evaluations will be final
- ◆ Scholarship winners will be notified on or prior to Wednesday, November 20th
- ◆ Scholarships will be awarded on Saturday, December 7th as part of the RIFDA Annual Meeting & Holiday Gala. The awardees' should arrive at the Gala for 5:30pm