Florida Attractions Foundation Scholarship

Application Deadline: April 15th, 2016

The application is available on FIU AcademicWorks: https://fiu.academicworks.com

The Florida Attractions Association is a trade association which serves Florida’s finest family attractions – the heart of the Sunshine State’s vibrant tourism industry. They host an average Conference attendance of over 220-240 individual employees from these companies. The Florida Attractions Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization working to promote the future of tourism in Florida. The Foundation presents all educational events produced for the membership of the Florida Attractions Association. Its primary goal is to provide scholarships for students entering tourism- and hospitality-related programs.

Qualifications:

- Must be a Florida resident, member of the US military, or a dependent of a member of the US military
- Must be a full time student enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution in Florida and entering their junior or senior year
- Must be enrolled for a minimum of two academic semesters in a hospitality field or related field at the time of application, and have completed a minimum of 12 credits as hospitality major
- Must have a cumulative or overall minimum GPA of 2.8
- Preference will be given to students with demonstrated financial need

Scholarship Award Considerations:

- The recipient must demonstrate a desire to follow a career in Hospitality Management or related field. These include (but not necessarily limited to) attraction management, tourism marketing, museum studies, hospitality, sports management, entertainment management, event management, zoological/aquaria management, recreation/leisure management
- The recipient must bring a holistic approach to their application, including but not limited to academics, personal development, leadership, internships and student activities/clubs

Complete scholarship application submission must include –

- Complete scholarship application
- Resume
- A 300-400 word statement of how your academic preparation, service involvement, and core values will serve to help you attain your attraction industry employment goals.
- A letter from a professor with whom you have had a class with and will attest to your academic abilities
- A letter from a person of your choice who can attest to your strong work ethic, your core values, your service involvement, your leadership abilities, and your desire to enter the hospitality and/or tourism field.
- Volunteer, internship, or work experience in the attractions industry.

*The recipient of this scholarship must attend the Florida Attractions Association Annual Conference on June 12th-15th, 2016 at the Hilton West Palm Beach. Registration and Lodging will be paid by the FAA. Transportation and incidentals are not covered.