



## CONNECTICUT TOURISM INDUSTRY 2017 SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS

**The following scholarships/grants will be awarded:**

**Richard B. Combs Hospitality Scholarship/Grant ..... \$1000**  
**Walter Schoenknecht Tourism & Travel Scholarship/Grant...\$1000**

### **CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION:**

1. Student must be a resident of Connecticut.
2. Student must be a senior at a Connecticut high school (public or private), a High School graduate who has not yet begun a college curriculum, or an enrolled undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited university or college.
3. The award winner must attend an accredited university or college on a full or part-time basis (minimum 6 credit hours) pursuing a tourism or hospitality degree program.
4. A completed application form must be received (hand delivered or mailed) on or before **Thursday, March 30, 2017.** All applications must be addressed to the Scholarship Grant Committee at the Connecticut Office of Tourism. The applicant must provide:
  - a. Two (2) letters of recommendation, one academic and one professional,
  - b. A transcript of the current academic record,
  - c. Personal Letter of Intent (how will this grant help you to achieve your academic goals?),
  - d. Include a personal resume

Scholarship/Grants are awarded on the basis of academic and personal achievement as well as demonstrated interest in hospitality or tourism industry.

**Winners will be notified no later than April 7, 2017.** Winners will each receive a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 made payable directly to the student's college or university. Winners will be invited to receive their scholarship awards at the Connecticut Conference on Tourism, on May 4, 2017, at the Connecticut Convention Center.

Visit [www.cultureandtourism.org](http://www.cultureandtourism.org) for application and details.

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**CONNECTICUT TOURISM INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP/ GRANT APPLICATION**  
(PRINT CLEARLY)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete one of the following three sections:

**I. CONNECTICUT HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:**

Name of your Connecticut High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

To which accredited college or university do you plan to attend and apply your scholarship award: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. ACCREDITED TWO-YEAR COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY STUDENTS:**

Name of the school you are now registered \_\_\_\_\_

Year of program completion: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be a second semester sophomore to be eligible)

Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

To which accredited University do you plan to continue your studies and apply your scholarship award: \_\_\_\_\_

**III. ACCREDITED UNIVERSITY STUDENTS:**

Name of accredited University currently enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

Current level of study: (please circle)

Freshman    Sophomore    Junior    1st Semester Senior    1st Year Masters

Year of completion of program: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

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## FOR ALL APPLICANTS:

Please respond to the topic set forth below (based on your academic level) and write a brief essay on that topic.

The essay must be typed (double spaced) and will be judged on content, grammar, punctuation and spelling. Essays shall be no longer than 1,000 words.

### **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:**

Identify and describe an existing or potential attraction within your county and what effect it has on your community.

### **TWO AND FOUR YEAR PROGRAM STUDENTS:**

What and why should the state do to make tourism a bigger part of our state income/employment sector?

Or

What does the State's new marketing brand, Connecticut *still revolutionary* mean to you and how would you communicate the brand to potential visitors to Connecticut.

### **MASTERS PROGRAM STUDENTS:**

Select a tourism criterion that affects a Connecticut community in relation to tourism.

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Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined information contained in the application for this scholarship grant and accompanying documents and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct and complete, and I am in fact eligible for funding under this scholarship program. I am aware that the submission of any false information or omission of any pertinent information resulting in the false representation of a material fact may subject me to civil and/or criminal penalties for filing of false public record and/or forfeiture of any funding awarded under this program. I further declare that I have reviewed the Connecticut Office of Tourism's Scholarship Grant Guidelines and acknowledge my responsibility as a scholarship applicant to become familiar with these guidelines and that failure to comply could result in ineligibility for the scholarship program. I understand that should I have any questions regarding these guidelines, I may contact the Connecticut Office of Tourism. I further understand that all documents submitted become the property of Connecticut Office of Tourism.

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

## PLEASE SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WITH LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION AND TRANSCRIPTS TO:

Rosemary Bove  
Connecticut Office of Tourism  
One Constitution Plaza  
Hartford, CT 06103  
(860) 256-2725

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(Hand delivered or mailed) Email applications will not be accepted.**

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