



CANADIAN HOSPITALITY FOUNDATION

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1.PURPOSE

The *OHI – We Are Hospitality Student Bursaries* was created by the **Ontario Restaurant Hotel & Motel Association (ORHMA)** to provide financial assistance to students pursuing studies in hospitality, tourism, or culinary programs. The Canadian Hospitality Foundation (CHF) supports OHI's Gordon Cardy Endowment Fund to award college students with Bursaries.

This bursary aims to reduce financial barriers, encourage excellence, and nurture the next generation of leaders in Ontario's hospitality industry.

2.OBJECTIVES

The program seeks to:

- Support students demonstrating **financial need**.
 - Recognize **academic** effort and **commitment to the hospitality industry**.
 - Encourage **career growth** and hospitality **industry engagement**.
 - Strengthen **connections** between students and Ontario's hospitality community.
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3.ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet **all** of the following:

- College students enrolled full-time entering their **second year** of a two-year diploma program or recently graduated.

*Applicant must not have received any other Canadian Hospitality Foundation scholarship.
Applicant must be Canadian citizen or landed immigrant.*



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4.APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must submit a **complete bursary package** by the published deadline.

The package must include:

1. **Completed Application Form** (attached in this document).
2. Official copy of **transcript of records** from your current or recently graduated program.
3. **Video Submission** (1-minute introduction on “What hospitality means to you”) in MP4 or YouTube format.
4. **Essay** (500–750 words) in PDF or Word format, outlining:
 - a. Career goals and aspirations within hospitality.
 - b. Relevant work or volunteer experience.
 - c. Involvement in hospitality-related courses, school activities, or community initiatives.

Submission:

All applications to be submitted directly through the online form, and supporting documents must be emailed to adegani@orhma.com

Subject Line: *OHI Be Our Guest Bursary Application – [Year]*

Key Dates:

1. Applications Open: June 1, 2026
2. Deadline to Apply: July 15, 2026
3. Recipients Announced: August 2026

NOTE: Dates are subject to change and can be viewed on the website (www.weareohi.ca) Applications received after the deadline will NOT be considered.

5.SELECTION PROCESS

- A Bursary Committee, appointed by ORHMA, will review all applications.
- Evaluation will be based on:
 - Eligibility and completeness of the application.
 - Demonstrated financial need.
 - Quality of essay and video submission.
 - Academic effort and industry commitment.
- All decisions of the committee are **final**.
- Recipients will be notified directly via email.



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6.DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

- Bursaries will be awarded in denominations of **\$1,000, or \$500**, depending on available funding.
 - Funds will be disbursed soon after the student begins their post-secondary semester.
 - Payment will be made via electronic funds transfer (EFT) to the student or, in some cases, directly to the educational institution.
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7.REPORTING & RECOGNITIONS

- ORHMA will maintain records of all applications and bursary recipients.
 - Recipients may be invited to provide a **short testimonial** on how the bursary supported their studies or career goals.
 - Bursary winners may be **recognized at ORHMA events** and/or in association communications.
 - Bursary winners will be **invited to attend a virtual celebration** after the winners are announced – to meet with the bursary supporters and recognise each winner.
 - Media consent will be requested prior to any public announcement.
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8.REVIEW & PROGRAM UPDATES

The Terms of Reference and this SOP will be reviewed annually by ORHMA to ensure they continue to meet student needs and align with the evolving goals of Ontario’s hospitality industry.



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GORDON CARDY FORM

Personal Information:

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Previous Education Information:

Previous School Name: _____

Program Name: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Graduation Date (Month/Year): _____

Current Education Information:

Current School Name: _____

Program Name: _____

Program Start(Month/Year): _____ Start(Month/Year): _____

Graduation Date (Month/Year): _____



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Employment Information (Part/full time) if Applicable:

Position: _____

Company: _____ Position: _____

Start(Month/Year):_____ End(Month/Year):_____

Address: _____

City:_____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Supervisor Name: _____ Position of Supervisor:_____

Open Ended Questions:

Please describe your overall work experience and how it contributed to your desire to work in the hospitality industry:

Please describe your overall extra-curricular / volunteer experience and how it contributed to your desire to work in the hospitality industry:



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Open Ended Questions:

Please describe your career goals and also provide the reason for choosing this field of study and how you have helped to lead and inspire others for the passion of the hospitality industry:

Authorization:

By my signature below, I hereby give permission to the Canadian Hospitality Foundation to verify all statements made in the application, to check provided references, and to use the photo I provided for internal and media purposes. I also authorize my college/university to provide the Foundation with such information as may be required to process the payment in the event I receive the scholarship.

Full Name: _____

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

