

# 2009 Industry Scholarship Program Information



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## **OVERVIEW**

The 2009 Scholarship Program provides recipients with the opportunity to gain a head start in a career in the hospitality industry.

Scholarship recipients are awarded a formal hospitality qualification delivered by the industry's leader in recruitment, employment and training: The Hospitality Training Association Inc. (HTA).

The Diploma of Hospitality Management delivers a combination of practical and theoretical elements, preparing students for a successful and prosperous career in the hospitality industry.

Training at HTA College not only provides a solid grounding in the various theoretical aspects of a career in hospitality; it also offers the opportunity for valuable on-the-job experience. Being the industry's training body, HTA has the support and commitment of more than 1,000 organisations throughout Queensland who can provide work opportunities.

## **THE 2009 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Diploma of Hospitality Management will provide students with the practical and industry relevant skills necessary to carry out functional activities in food and beverage, housekeeping, front office and commercial kitchens at an operational level.

Upon successful completion, the Diploma will facilitate progression, in conjunction with an appropriate level of practical experience, to managerial level positions in hospitality and tourism organisations such as hotels, restaurants, convention centres, resorts and cruise ships worldwide.

This program is undertaken over three semesters, full-time, Monday to Friday (approximately 6 – 8 hours per day). Please note the course could include early morning classes and evening sessions. In addition, to reflect the nature of the industry, courses vary in delivery i.e. training could occur on or off the job in a selection of establishments.

Prior to being awarded the Diploma, participants are required to undertake a paid internship each semester within a hospitality establishment.

The 2009 Scholarship Program is valued at \$18,000. This includes all tuition fees, textbooks, uniforms and tools of the trade (knives etc).

Please note, the Scholarship does not include associated costs with attending college or work experience i.e. travel or accommodation expenses.

In addition to studies, Scholarship Recipients will also be required to act as an Ambassador for their specific Association and HTA to promote the Tourism and Hospitality industry. This may include visiting and presenting at high schools, participating in trade shows and other industry events as identified by HTA.

## THE SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:

- ◆ **Education** - Successful completion of Year 12 or currently enrolled in Year 12 with at least sound achievements in English, Mathematics and 3 other subjects
- ◆ **Presentation and Communication** - Professionally presented, able to communicate clearly with people from all walks of life and ability to provide exceptional customer service
- ◆ **Suitability for a career in the hospitality industry** – Understanding of requirements of the hospitality industry, commitment to the hours required within the industry and a team player
- ◆ **Motivation and Commitment** - Committed to a Hospitality career in the long term preferably with aspirations for Management, undertaken previous leadership roles, ability to see tasks through to completion

## THE APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

To be eligible for this program, applicants must complete the application form in full and return by **Wednesday, 24 September 2008**.

The application provides valuable information regarding the applicants work experience / employment history, education and motivation to pursue a career within Hospitality. Once received, the application will be reviewed by a panel of hospitality professionals (appointed by the relevant Association) who will evaluate all applications against the criteria detailed above.

Applications are then short listed and applicants invited to attend an interview. During the interview, applicants will be asked to expand on the information provided within the application.

From the interview process, the most appropriate candidates will be offered a Scholarship to commence **January, 2009**.

## FINAL CHECKLIST

Before submitting an application, applicants are required to have fulfilled the below requirements:

- ◆ Successfully completed Year 12 or currently enrolled in Year 12 and with at least sound achievements in Mathematics, English and 3 other subjects (Please attach a copy of your most recent schooling results)
- ◆ Completed application has been endorsed by a parent or guardian if under 18 years of age
- ◆ Application has been endorsed by a member of the Association in which application is being made or a Teacher at the candidates School
- ◆ A signed copy of the Terms & Conditions