



**TOURISM CARES 2017  
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS  
FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND REQUIRED ITEMS**

**IATAN Hospitality & Tourism High School Scholarship (one award at \$2,000)**

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- citizen or permanent resident of the United States
- cumulative, or overall, 3.0 grade point average (GPA), or greater, on a U. S. 4.0 scale
- a U.S. high school senior attending a high school within Dade County, FL with the NAF ***Academy of Hospitality & Tourism (AOHT) Network***, graduating at end of semester or term
- applied to or accepted as a full-time undergraduate student in a travel-and-tourism- or hospitality-related program of study at a college or university in the United States or Canada
- entering first year in the upcoming fall semester or term at an accredited two- or four-year college or university

**Required Items and Essay:**

- U.S. passport or birth certificate as proof of citizenship, or permanent resident card as proof of permanent residency
- letter of recommendation from a faculty member or teacher in your field of study
- personal/professional letter of recommendation
- Official Transcript (This document needs to be sent directly from your school in a sealed envelope to the Tourism Cares office to arrive by 11:59 pm Eastern time on the application deadline date. Tourism Cares will verify the document, scan, and upload it to your submitted online application.)
- essay: Write an original two-page essay in the required format about: *What segment of the travel and tourism or hospitality industry your current program of study focuses on. What opportunities are you taking advantage of as you prepare for a career in the industry? Please tell us about your academic and extracurricular activities and experiences, i.e. work, internships, etc., and how they tie into your present and future goals. Mention any awards or commendations you have received relating to the travel and tourism or hospitality industry.*