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**THE JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION WELCOMES SUBMISSIONS FOR  
2007 JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

***OVER \$350,000 IN CASH SCHOLARSHIPS AND TUITION WAIVERS WILL BE  
AWARDED***

**New York, NY** (24 April 2007) - The James Beard Foundation announces it is accepting applications for its 2007 scholarship program. Established in 1991, the James Beard Foundation Scholarship Program assists aspiring culinary professionals who plan to further their education at a licensed or accredited culinary school. This year, over \$350,000 in cash scholarships and tuition waivers will be awarded in the following categories: the James Beard Foundation General Scholarships, the Friends of James Beard Scholarships and the James Beard Foundation School Scholarships.

“James Beard is fondly remembered by friends and colleagues as a man who offered unstinting help and encouragement to people embarking on a culinary career.” says Diane Harris Brown, Director of Educational and Community Programming for the James Beard Foundation. “Upholding Beard’s legacy, the scholarship program is a vital part of the James Beard Foundation’s mission. Since 2001 alone, we have given out over \$1.5 million worth of scholarships to aspiring culinary professionals.”

The James Beard Foundation Scholarship Program is administered by Scholarship Management Services, a department of Scholarship America. Scholarship America is a national nonprofit educational support and student aid service organization that seeks to involve and assist the private sector in expanding educational opportunities and encouraging

educational achievement. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, age, gender, disability, or national origin.

Scholarship Management Services will narrow the pool of applicants to 200 semifinalists. Finalists will be chosen by the James Beard Foundation scholarship selection committee. Scholarship winners will be notified in August 2007. Application forms can be found online at [www.jamesbeard.org](http://www.jamesbeard.org). All application materials, including transcript, must be postmarked by May 15, 2007.

### ***Overview of Scholarship Program Guidelines***

#### **James Beard Foundation and Friends of James Beard Scholarships**

Applicants must be high school seniors or graduates who plan to enroll or who are already enrolled at least part-time in a course of study leading to an associate or baccalaureate degree at a licensed or accredited culinary school. Preference may be given to students who demonstrate financial need.

All applicants meeting the above criteria will automatically be considered for the James Beard Foundation General Scholarships and the 13 of the Friends of James Beard Scholarships which have no other specific eligibility requirements. Additionally, students may apply for up to three Friends of James Beard Scholarships with specified requirements by checking the corresponding box(es) on the application.

For a complete list of Friends of James Beard Scholarships please visit [www.jamesbeard.org](http://www.jamesbeard.org).

#### **James Beard Foundation School Scholarships**

School scholarships are awarded as waivers that will be applied as a credit to the student's account. All applicants must meet the admission and eligibility requirements at the applicable participating schools to be eligible to receive an award. Participating schools include:

Apicius the Culinary Institute of Florence  
Art Institute of Colorado  
Art Institute of Houston  
Art Institute of New York City  
Art Institute of Phoenix  
Baltimore International College  
The Culinary Institute of America  
Florida Culinary Institute  
International Culinary Center/French Culinary Institute  
The Institute of Culinary Education (ICE)  
Johnston & Wales University  
Le Cordon Bleu – Australia; London; Paris; Anahuac, Mexico; Ottawa; Tokyo; Kobe  
The Natural Gourmet Institute for Health and Culinary Arts  
New England Culinary Institute  
The Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College  
Scottsdale Culinary Institute  
Western Culinary Institute

#### **About the James Beard Foundation**

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the James Beard Foundation is dedicated to celebrating, preserving, and nurturing America's culinary heritage and diversity in order to elevate the appreciation of our culinary excellence. A cookbook author and teacher with an encyclopedic knowledge about food, James Beard, who died in 1985, was a champion of American cuisine. He helped educate and mentor generations of professional chefs and food enthusiasts. Today, the Beard Foundation continues in the same spirit by administering a

number of diverse programs that include educational initiatives, food industry awards, scholarships to culinary schools, and publications, and by maintaining the historic James Beard House in New York City's Greenwich Village as a "performance space" for visiting chefs. For more information, please visit [www.jamesbeard.org](http://www.jamesbeard.org).



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