The James Beard Foundation is pleased to provide high impact scholarships of up to $20,000 to food-focused candidates of exceptional talent who demonstrate leadership, community involvement, and academic excellence, and who aspire to leadership roles in the culinary arts, food studies, agriculture, hospitality management, and more.

Candidates for our ten (10) annual JBF National Scholars scholarships will be selected based on academic merit, worthiness, and personal and professional recommendations. To ensure regional diversity of this national program, one awardee will be selected from each of the ten geographic regions defined by the historic James Beard Foundation Awards.

Each year the progress of the recipients of our JBF National Scholars program will be featured in JBF communications and other educational programs. The Foundation plans to continue to nurture the talents of these students as they progress in their careers by helping them build productive relationships within the broader food world.

Applicants must:
- Provide two letters of recommendation from instructors or employers
- Indicate which of the following regions in which they reside:
  - Great Lakes (IL, IN, MI, OH)
  - Mid-Atlantic (D.C., DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA)
  - Midwest (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD, WI)
  - New York City (Five Boroughs)
  - Northeast (CT, MA, ME, NH, NY State, RI, VT)
  - Northwest (AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY)
  - West (CA, HI, NV)
  - South (AL, AR, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, FL, LA, MS, US Virgin Islands)
  - Southeast (GA, KY, NC, SC, TN, WV)
  - Southwest (AZ, CO, NM, OK, TX, UT)
- Submit an essay of up to 300 words, explaining why you feel you would be an outstanding candidate worthy of the James Beard Foundation National Scholarship

Up to ten (10) scholarships of $20,000 each will be granted
2018 Friends of James Beard Scholarships

Applicants will be considered for all scholarships for which they meet the criteria. To be eligible for any scholarship, applicants must be high school seniors or graduates who plan to enroll or students who are already enrolled at least part-time in a course of study at a licensed or accredited program of food or culinary studies. Please review all of the eligibility requirements carefully.

Andrew Zimmern “Second Chances” Scholarship
(Sponsored by Andrew Zimmern)

Applicants must:
• Submit an essay (of 250 words) describing extreme challenges (health, family, military, employment, etc.) they have faced, and explain how this scholarship in culinary studies will give them the ‘second chance’ they deserve in overcoming these hardships.

Up to two (2) scholarships of $10,000 will be granted

Barbara Daniels Memorial Scholarship
“My mother admired perseverance. And, my family appreciates food. To be a chef requires dedication, creativity and a mastery of ingredients. Our scholarship will award a forward-thinking Chicago-based chef with outstanding passion in my mother’s memory.” - Amy Tara Koch

Applicants must:
• Reside or attend school in the Greater Chicago area, and be able to substantiate residency

Up to one (1) scholarship of $5,000 will be granted

Barb Stuckey “Taste” Scholarship
Barb Stuckey, President & Chief Innovation Officer at Mattson, is a thought leader in the food industry, author of Taste What You’re Missing, a food columnist for Forbes, and a teacher of the Fundamentals of Taste at the San Francisco Cooking School where she supports students who have demonstrated a passion for appreciating the sensory experience of food.

Applicants must:
• Planning to enroll or have already been accepted into the Culinary Arts Certificate program at San Francisco Cooking School
• Demonstrate financial need

Up to one (1) scholarship of $10,000 will be granted

Bern Laxer Memorial Scholarship
(Sponsored by Bern’s Steak House and Epicurean Hotel, Tampa, FL)
Restaurant pioneer Bern Laxer is remembered for his high standards of quality and service and for his many innovations in fine dining. The memorial scholarships were founded to promote and support development of qualified personnel for the hospitality industry.

Applicants must:
• Be a resident of the state of Florida and substantiate residency
• Have had at least one year of culinary experience, either as a student or employee
Up to (1) scholarship of $11,150 will be granted in one of the following areas:

- Culinary studies
- Hospitality management
- Viticulture/Oenology

**Charlie Trotter Memorial Scholarship**

*Charlie Trotter was a pioneer in the food industry, forever changing American cuisine with his Chicago restaurant, Charlie Trotter’s. Charlie was a great friend to the James Beard Foundation and the recipient of nine Beard Awards including the Humanitarian of the Year award in 2012. The JBF Charlie Trotter Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to aspiring culinary professionals who plan to further their education by attending an accredited culinary school.*

Up to two (2) scholarships of $12,000 each will be granted

**Chicago JBF Eats Week Scholarship**

*(Sponsored by Choose Chicago and the Illinois Restaurant Association in partnership with Chicago’s restaurant community)*

Applicants must:
- Reside in Greater Chicago area and be able to substantiate residence
- Currently be enrolled in an accredited program of hospitality, culinary, baking, or beverage studies

Up to one (1) award of $11,300 will be granted

**Christian Wölffer Scholarship**

*(With the generous support of Audi)*

Applicants must:
- Be planning to enroll or currently enrolled at a licensed or accredited culinary school or wine studies program
- Be a resident of the state of New York and substantiate residency
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale to be considered

Up to one (1) scholarship of $5,000 will be granted

**ConnectOne Bank Scholarship**

*ConnectOne Bank is pleased to offer this scholarship in honor of James Beard’s memory and lasting contributions to the culinary world. Supporting access to quality education is an important part of ConnectOne Bank’s philanthropic outreach. Through this scholarship, the Bank hopes to support deserving individuals who possess and entrepreneurial spirit and aspiration for excellence.*

Applicants must:
- Reside and/or attend school in New Jersey, and verify
- Be enrolled or planning to enroll in a licensed or accredited program of culinary education beginning in the fall of 2018

Up to one (1) scholarship of $8,500 will be granted

**Friends of San Francisco Cooking School Scholarship**

*Friends of San Francisco Cooking School supports the Bay Area food community by providing top food talent the opportunity to study and grow professionally in the culinary epicenter of San Francisco. Finances shouldn’t stand in the way of qualified applicants getting a world-class food education.*
Applicants must:
• Be enrolled or planning to enroll into the Culinary Arts or Pastry Arts certificate program at San Francisco Cooking School
• Demonstrate financial need

Up to one (1) scholarship of $10,000 will be granted

**Fulton Youth of the Future at the Robert Fulton Houses Scholarship**  
(Sponsored by Jamestown Properties, NYC)

Applicants must:
• Be a resident of the Robert Fulton Houses in Chelsea and substantiate residency
• Be planning to enroll or currently enrolled in a program of study for culinary arts, wine, food history, nutrition, dietetics, continuing education, food writing, or a related field

Up to one (1) scholarship of $20,000 will be granted

**High South Bentonville Culinary Scholarship**  
(Sponsored by Bentonville Chefs, Bentonville AR)  
Preference will be given to applicants residing in, or attending school in the state of Arkansas

Up to one (1) scholarship of $5,150 will be granted

**The James Beard Legacy Scholarship**
*The James Beard Foundation’s mission is to celebrate, nurture, and honor chefs and other leaders making America’s food culture more delicious, diverse, and sustainable for everyone. A cookbook author and teacher with an encyclopedic knowledge about food, the late James Beard was a champion of American cuisine. He helped educate and mentor generations of professional chefs and food enthusiasts, instilling in them the value of wholesome, healthful, and delicious food. In Mr. Beard’s honor, The James Beard Foundation would like to support aspiring and established culinary professionals who plan to further their education.*

• Be planning to enroll or currently enrolled in a program of study for culinary arts, wine, food history, nutrition, dietetics, continuing education, food writing, food studies, or a related field
• Demonstrate financial need

Up to ten (10) scholarships of $10,000 will be granted

**Marché Moderne-Newport Beach Crystal Cove Scholarship**  
(Sponsored by Amelia and Florent Marneau, Newport Beach, CA)  
Preference will be given to applicants residing in, attending school, or working in hospitality in Orange County, CA.

Applicants must:
• Be a current high school senior or graduate
• Be planning to enroll or currently enrolled at least part-time in a course of study leading to a certificate or degree at a licensed or accredited culinary school, business administration, management, or hospitality-related program

Up to one (1) scholarship of $8,750 will be granted

**Mildred Amico Scholarship**
We are honored to offer the Mildred Amico Scholarship in appreciation of the achievements of our Program Director Emerita. Mildred was a student and friend of James Beard himself, and was one of the Foundation’s original members. She created and directed the programs of our unique performance space for the culinary arts for more than twenty years. She also mentored thousands of chefs, helping them advance their careers.

Applicants must:

- Be planning to enroll or currently enrolled (part-time or full-time) in the Hospitality Management Program at New York City College of Technology (two or four-year program)

Up to one (1) scholarship of $2,500 will be granted

**Miljenko “Mike” Grgich’s American Dream Scholarship**

(Sponsored by Grgich Hills Estate, Rutherford, CA)

Mike Grgich began his life as a peasant in communist-controlled Croatia and arrived in the Napa Valley with $32, his life savings, sewn into the sole of his shoes. He was able to fulfill his American dream first by having his 1973 Chardonnay win the 1976 Paris Tasting and then by founding his own winery in 1977. For his contributions to the wine industry, Mike was inducted into the Vintners Hall of Fame in 2008. Mike’s father taught him to “Every day learn something new, do your best and make a friend.” This scholarship helps enable the next generation to achieve their dreams through a professional wine studies program.

Applicants must:

- Be planning to enroll or currently be enrolled in an accredited wine studies program

Up to one (1) scholarship of $5,000 will be granted

**Patrick Clark Memorial Scholarship**

Born in Brooklyn, Patrick Clark began his culinary education at the New York City College of Technology, apprenticed in the great kitchens of France, and established himself as a leading exponent of the new American cuisine. He was generous with his time and expertise, inspiring colleagues and students to new levels of creative excellence.

Applicants must:

- Be a resident of the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, or Staten Island and substantiate residency
- Be planning to enroll or currently enrolled in the two or four-year Hospitality Management Program at New York City College of Technology

Up to two (2) scholarships of $2,000 each will be granted

**Peter Kump Memorial Scholarship**

Peter Kump was an educator and entrepreneur with a great love of food, whose interests ranged from theater, to speed reading, to the culinary arts. He founded Peter Kump’s New York Cooking School in his New York apartment in 1975, inaugurated his professional program in 1983, and in 1986—at the urging of Julia Child—established the James Beard Foundation. Kump himself had learned from the best, and this scholarship commemorates the inspiring culinary legacy that Kump created.

Applicants must:

- Be a high school senior with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Be planning to enroll at a licensed or accredited culinary school
- Have a minimum of one year of experience in the culinary field and substantiate
- Demonstrate financial need

Up to five (5) scholarships of $10,000 each will be granted
Robert Mondavi Winery Memorial Scholarship  
(Sponsored by Robert Mondavi Winery, Oakville, CA)

Robert Mondavi established his namesake winery in 1966 with a vision to create Napa Valley wines that would stand in the company of the world's finest. Mr. Mondavi believed that wines should reflect their origins, that they are the product of the soil, the climate, and the careful stewardship of those precious resources. He was also passionate about educating people about wine, food and the arts, and Robert Mondavi Winery was one of the first wineries to serve food alongside wine, and has hosted great chefs like Julia Child, Alice Waters and Paul Bocuse. The winemaking and vineyard teams at Robert Mondavi Winery are proud to carry on Robert Mondavi’s goal of excellence with the same passion and innovative spirit, moving forward with programs that break barriers and open new frontiers.

Applicants must:
- Be a U.S. resident
- Be over 21 years of age
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Be planning to enroll or currently enrolled in a beverage, wine studies, or hospitality management program or a Master Sommelier program at an accredited culinary school, hospitality institution, college, or university

Up to one (1) scholarship of $10,000 will be granted

Steven Scher Memorial Scholarship for Aspiring Restaurateurs

Steven Scher was a charismatic figure in New York’s restaurant scene. After a successful law career he decided to become a restaurateur and began meeting with leaders in the field to raise money to fund his concept and to look for talented partners to help him to actualize his dream. Eventually, Main Street Restaurant Partners was born, comprising many prominent New York restaurants including Calle Ocho, BLT Prime, and BarBao. Steven’s success was achieved by a combination of hard work, fierce charm, and a contagious optimism that inspired those around him. Quick-witted and shrewd, he was also warm and sincere, rendering him a force at the negotiating table but a friend at the dinner table. This scholarship was established to celebrate Steven’s commitment to the industry and life itself by granting support to individuals who are embarking on a culinary career, who possess an entrepreneurial spirit, and who share Steven’s passion. Special consideration will be given to career changers.

Applicants must:
- Have attained a high school diploma
- Be enrolled or accepted in a culinary or hospitality management program at an accredited institution
- Detail their work experience
- Submit an essay of up to 1,000 words describing applicant’s ideal restaurant/hospitality concept, and their reasons for entering the field
- Include a list of their top three favorite restaurants (noting their location), and explain why they have earned that ranking

One (1) scholarship of $8,000 will be granted for the institution of the applicant’s choice

Taste America Scholarships
(Sponsored by the James Beard Foundation)

Up to ten (10) scholarships in the amount of $2,500 each will be granted to students residing or attending school in the states that hosted the JBF’s nationwide celebration of American Taste:

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Applicants must verify their state of residence or the state in which they are attending school.

Up to ten (10) scholarships of $2,500 will be granted

**Tony May Scholarship for Italian Culinary Studies at the Italian Culinary Institute for Foreigners**
As one of the nation’s most respected restaurateurs, Tony May has worked diligently for five decades to elevate the image of Italian cuisine in America through his celebrated restaurants, and advising food service companies around the nation. Tony May is author of “ITALIAN CUISINE: Basic Cooking Techniques,” a textbook distributed to culinary schools throughout the U.S., also available to the general public. Tony established The Italian Culinary Institute (ICIF) in Italy 1991 to provide vocational training and hands-on cultural immersion for students who wish to specialize in Italian cuisine.

This program includes full tuition, room, and board and $1,000 towards airfare for the complete Master Course at the Italian Culinary Institute for Foreigners, headquartered in the Castle of Costigliole de’Asti, Regione Piemonte, Italy. Participants will have three weeks of intensive study, plus a two-month externship at one of the top restaurants in the Piemonte region.

Recipients will be responsible for approximately $600 in miscellaneous costs. This is an invaluable experience for students who wish to achieve an in-depth understanding of authentic Italian cuisine.

Applicants must:
- Be in their final year of culinary studies, or have completed their program of study in the USA
- Meet all admissions requirements and enroll at ICIF. To learn more about the ICIF, visit [http://www.icif.com/en/](http://www.icif.com/en/)

One (1) scholarship will be granted a student or graduate of any licensed or accredited program of culinary studies. The scholarship of $3,000 from the James Beard Foundation will be combined with tuition waivers and in-kind donations from the sponsors (full value of the scholarship is approximately $6,000).

**SCHOLARSHIPS RECOMMENDED BY THE SPONSOR ORGANIZATION**

**Deseo at the Westin Scholarship**
*Scottsdale, AZ*

Arizona C-CAP will recommend candidates. Up to one scholarship of $3,750 will be granted.

**PROFESSIONAL GRANTS**

**The Jean-Louis Palladin Professional Work/Study Grant**
Chef Jean-Louis Palladin is considered one of the culinary geniuses of the 20th century. He was a master of his craft, known for his creativity, passion, technique, and commitment to the very best. Jean-Louis was as much a teacher as a chef, encouraging and mentoring many while demanding perfection of himself and all around him. He was funny, laughed easily, and embraced life fully.
The James Beard Foundation is proud to offer the Jean-Louis Palladin Professional Work/Study Grant. Created to perpetuate the mission and programs of the Jean-Louis Palladin Foundation, the initiative will provide a series of annual grants of up to $4,000 to working chefs.

This grant will allow recipients to spend time learning from and working with master growers, producers, and food artisans; to toil alongside renowned chefs in America and abroad; and to study varied specialized skills.