Scholarship Offerings
2024–25
James Beard Foundation Scholarships
Bern Laxer Memorial Scholarship  
*Sponsored by Bern's Steak House and Epicurean Hotel, Tampa, FL*

**Applicants must:**
+ Be a substantiated resident of the state of Florida
+ Have at least one year of culinary experience, either as a student or employee
+ Major in culinary studies, hospitality management or viticulture/oenology

Up to three (3) scholarships of $15,000 will be granted

JBF Chicago Scholarship  

**Applicants must:**
+ Be a current resident of the city of Chicago
+ Be enrolled in an accredited program of hospitality, culinary, baking, or beverage studies

Up to two (2) scholarships of $20,000 will be granted

ConnectOne Bank Scholarship  
*Sponsored by ConnectOne Bank*

+ Currently enrolled or enrolling in a licensed or accredited program of culinary education in fall 2024.

Up to one (1) Scholarship of $8,000 will be granted

Debbie Lewis Women in Wine Scholarship  
*The Debbie Lewis Women in Wine Scholarship honors the life of Debbie Lewis. Debbie had a life-long passion for mastering the business of wine and set an inspiring example of dedication and hard work to all those around her.*

**Applicants must:**
+ Be at least 21 years of age
+ Be a woman
+ Be a current resident of the United States
+ Be planning to enroll or currently enrolled in a beverage, wine studies, or hospitality management program or a master sommelier program, culinary program at an accredited culinary school, hospitality institution, college, or university

Up to one (1) scholarship of $5,000 will be granted
Fulton Youth of the Future at the Robert Fulton Houses Scholarship

*Sponsored by Jamestown Properties, NYC*

**Applicants must:**
+ Be a substantiated resident of the Robert Fulton Houses in Chelsea
+ 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 related field

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

HexClad Culinary Scholarship

*Sponsored by HexClad*

**Applicants must:**
+ Identify as BIPOC and/or a woman
+ Be accepted into or are already enrolled in a culinary program at an accredited institution
+ Reside in the United States

Up to 2 scholarship(s) of $12,500 will be granted

*Please note that there are promotional opportunities associated with this scholarship.

JBF National Scholars Scholarship

**Applicants must:**
+ Provide two letters of recommendation from instructors or employers
+ Indicate which of the following regions in which they reside
  — California (CA)
  — Great Lakes (IL, IN, MI, OH)
  — Mid-Atlantic (DC, DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA)
  — Midwest (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD, WI)
  — Mountain (CO, ID, MT, UT, WY)
  — New York State (NY)
  — Northeast (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT)
  — Northwest & Pacific (AK, HI, OR, WA)
— South (AL, AR, FL, LA, MS, PR)
— Southeast (GA, KY, NC, SC, TN, WV)
— Southwest (AZ, NM, NV, OK)
— Texas (TX)

+ Submit an ESSAY of up to 300 words explaining your academic and career goals.

Up to twelve (12) scholarships of $20,000 each will be granted to one person per designated region

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

*Sponsored by Grgich Hills Estate, Rutherford, CA*

**Applicants must:**
+ Planning to enroll or currently enrolled in a wine studies program

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

**OpenTable “Cultivating Talent” Scholarship**

Based in San Francisco, OpenTable has been committed to helping restaurants run and grow their businesses for more than 25 years.

**Applicants must:**
+ Be accepted into or currently enrolled in an accredited culinary program
+ Demonstrate financial need

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

**Peter Kump Memorial Scholarship**

**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 substantiated experience in the culinary field
+ Demonstrate financial need

Up to two (2) scholarships of $13,000 will be granted
Robert Mondavi Winery Memorial Scholarship
Sponsored by Robert Mondavi Winery, Oakville, CA

Applicants must:
+ Be a United States 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

JBF Visit San Antonio Culinaria Scholarship Fund
Created with proceeds from the Tasting Texas Wine and Food Festival

Applicants must:
+ Identify as BIPOC and/or a woman
+ Are from or reside in the following counties:
  — Atascosa
  — Bandera
  — Bexar
  — Comal
  — Frio
  — Guadalupe
  — Kendall
  — Kerr
  — Medina
  — Wilson
+ Wish to pursue a degree at an accredited institution in culinary, pastry, restaurant management, or wine studies

Up to six (6) scholarships of $10,000 will be granted
James Beard Foundation
Grants
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 two annual grants up to $4,000 to working chefs.

You must submit your own work/study plan alongside a detailed budget.

Required materials:
+ An up-to-date cover letter
+ Two professional references
+ A detailed work/study plan

Please note:
+ Funding is sent after the program via reimbursement
+ Detailed expense forms and final narrative reports will be required for all accepted applicants (view examples here)
+ Reimbursement is contingent on the timely submission of the above documents
Tuition Waivers
Institute of Culinary Education (ICE)

1. **Program-Specific Waivers**

   Up to four (4) waivers will be granted toward tuition for the following programs:
   
   + Up to one (1) waiver of $4,000 for the Culinary Arts, Health Supportive Culinary Arts or Pastry and Baking Arts Diploma programs in NYC or LA
   
   + Up to one (1) waiver of $4,000 for the Online Culinary Arts & Food Operations Diploma Program (CAFO)
   
   + Up to one (1) waiver of $2,500 for the Sommelier program in NYC or LA
   
   + Up to one (1) waiver of $2,500 for the Diploma in Restaurant and Culinary Management or the Hospitality and Hotel Management programs in NYC
   
   + Awards are available year-round (all program durations are between 6-11 months and commence monthly)

**Applicants must:**

   + Be between the ages of 18-32
   
   + Be planning to enroll as entering student (not currently enrolled) at the Institute of Culinary Education in NYC or LA.
   
   + Be highly motivated for a career in the culinary, food or hospitality sector.
   
   + For the CAFO program, applicant must be a resident of either AZ, CA, CO, CT, FL, HI, ID, IN, MI, MO, MS, NC, NJ, OH, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA or WY
   
   + Have a High School Diploma or equivalent credential

2. **The Chef Mashama Bailey Tuition Waiver (ICE)** $20,000

   Chef Mashama Bailey is a 2001 graduate of ICE’s Culinary Arts program. She is the executive chef / co-owner of The Grey, in Savannah, Georgia and Austin, Texas. In 2022, chef Bailey won the James Beard Foundation’s “Outstanding Chef in America” Award, generally considered the most esteemed individual honor given annually to an American chef. This tuition grant, for $20,000, was established to honor her achievement. The grant is for ICE’s Culinary Arts Diploma program in New York City or Los Angeles.

   In addition to the qualifications above, preference will be given to applicants who can communicate a clear personal interest and appreciation for regional cuisine, particularly Southern regional cuisine, in America. The nature or description of that interest can be explained in writing on the applicant’s application statement.
3. **The FCI Legacy of Excellence Tuition Waiver (ICE)**
   **$15,000**

The French Culinary Institute (FCI) was established in 1984 in New York City, with a focus on French technique as the foundation for teaching professional cooking. For many years, FCI was recognized as one of the nation’s leading culinary institutes, and served as the training ground for chefs Bobby Flay, David Chang, Dan Barber, Christina Tosi, and Wylie Dufresne. At the same time, FCI had esteemed visiting deans including the French-born, but New York–based chefs Jacques Pepin, Alain Sailhac, and Andre Soltner.

In 2021, ICE acquired by license FCI, which had earlier changed its name to the International Culinary Center (ICC). This new tuition grant, for $15,000, was established to honor the legacy of FCI, and how that spirit and tradition of excellence lives on today at ICE. The grant is for any ICE diploma program in New York City or Los Angeles.

In addition to the qualifications above, preference will be given to applicants who can communicate a clear personal interest in elevated, chef-driven cuisine, and a desire to one day be the executive chef of a highly regarded restaurant. The nature or description of that interest can be explained in writing on the applicant’s application statement.

**Johnson & Wales University**

Up to one (1) waiver of $3,000 will be granted toward tuition at Johnson & Wales University campus in Providence or Charlotte, North Carolina. The award is renewable up to four additional years (for a total of $12,000). To remain eligible for the award, the student must maintain satisfactory academic performance.

**Applicants must:**

+ Be 18 years of age or older
+ Have a high school diploma or equivalent
+ Speak fluent English and/or French language
+ Motivation for bakery and culinary world
+ Have a professional project in the culinary business
+ Must be accepted to Jonhson & Wales University as a full-time undergraduate for in-person program

*Not available for online programs*