



## **YCLA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

### **Program for Students Currently Attending an Institution of Higher Education**

These scholarships are sponsored by the Yellowstone County Lodging Association (YCLA). YCLA is an organization dedicated to promoting and supporting the finest lodging and dining establishments in Billings, Laurel, and the surrounding areas. YCLA is committed to securing funds for students who demonstrate leadership and academic achievement in hospitality-related fields by awarding two annual scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

1. Scholarship criteria and application forms will be available online at [www.yellowstonecountylodgingassociation.com](http://www.yellowstonecountylodgingassociation.com).
2. The YCLA President will form a scholarship committee, appointing four members and assigning one as the chairperson each year.
3. Scholarship applicants should send one original copy of their completed application to the YCLA office no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. The YCLA Scholarship Committee will review and select award recipients. Selections will be announced by March 15<sup>th</sup>.
5. Successful applicants will be asked to make a presentation on their educational experience at one of the YCLA meetings during their award year. A written report will be acceptable if a recipient is attending a school too far from Billings to allow him/her to attend in person.

### **CRITERIA**

1. Applicants **must have completed at least one year at an Institution of higher education** and provide proof of second-year enrollment.
2. The institution must grant a degree in hospitality or a hospitality-related business degree.
3. Applicant must demonstrate academic excellence in college programs and have a GPA of at least 3.0.
4. Applicant must demonstrate interest in a career in the hospitality industry and must be a past or present employee in the hospitality industry.
5. Applicants receive points for community involvement such as activities associated with student hospitality organizations, volunteer work, church, charitable or political organizations.





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Name and mailing address of Institution of Higher Education you will be attending in September:

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Major: \_\_\_\_\_ School/Dept. Enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor: (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Hours Earned: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

How will you be classified in the upcoming fall of this year—check which one applies:  
 Sophomore  Junior  Senior  Graduate Student

What is your cumulative grade point average? (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of credits you are enrolled to take: \_\_\_\_\_

List other colleges/universities, vocational/technical schools, or any other schools or institutions attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates attended: From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Graduated:  Yes  No Diploma \_\_\_\_\_

What was your cumulative grade point average? (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credit Hours: \_\_\_\_\_



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**INDUSTRY/EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES** (post-high school) List the extracurricular activities in which you have taken part (i.e., hospitality, industry meetings, and conferences, hotel societies, student organizations, athletics, hobbies, volunteer work, church, charitable or political organizations, etc.).

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*Applicant's Signature*

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*Date*



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**ESSAY: Please attach to application**

In 250 words or less, write an essay stating your career objectives, your interests in the hotel/motel management or hospitality fields, and your thoughts on why you should be a scholarship recipient.

This application and supporting documents must be returned to the YCLA office no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Send to:

**Y.C.L.A. Office**  
**Attn: Scholarship Committee**  
**P.O. Box 2318**  
**Billings, MT 59101-2366**