



Department of Economic and  
Community Development



## CONNECTICUT TOURISM INDUSTRY 2019 SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS

**The following scholarships/grants will be awarded:**

**Richard B. Combs Hospitality Scholarship/Grant ..... \$1000**  
**Walter Schoenknecht Tourism & Travel Scholarship/Grant...\$1000**

### **CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION:**

1. Student must be a resident of Connecticut.
2. Student must be a senior at a Connecticut high school (public or private), a High School graduate who has not yet begun a college curriculum, or an enrolled undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited university or college.
3. The award winner must attend an accredited university or college on a full or part-time basis (minimum 6 credit hours) pursuing a tourism or hospitality degree program.
4. A completed application form must be received (hand delivered or mailed) on or before **May 10, 2019**. All applications must be addressed to the Scholarship Grant Committee at the Connecticut Office of Tourism. The applicant must provide:
  - a. Two (2) letters of recommendation, one academic and one professional,
  - b. A transcript of the current academic record,
  - c. Personal Letter of Intent (how will this grant help you to achieve your academic goals?),
  - d. Include a personal resume

Scholarship/Grants are awarded on the basis of academic and personal achievement as well as demonstrated interest in hospitality or tourism industry.

**Winners will be notified no later than June 7, 2019.** Winners will each receive a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 made payable directly to the student's college or university.

**Visit [www.decd.org](http://www.decd.org) for application and details.**

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**CONNECTICUT TOURISM INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP/ GRANT APPLICATION**  
(PRINT CLEARLY)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete one of the following three sections:**

**I. CONNECTICUT HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:**

Name of your Connecticut High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

To which accredited college or university do you plan to attend and apply your scholarship award: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. ACCREDITED TWO-YEAR COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY STUDENTS:**

Name of the school you are now registered \_\_\_\_\_

Year of program completion: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be a second semester sophomore to be eligible)

Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

To which accredited University do you plan to continue your studies and apply your scholarship award: \_\_\_\_\_

**III. ACCREDITED UNIVERSITY STUDENTS:**

Name of accredited University currently enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

Current level of study: (please circle)

Freshman      Sophomore      Junior      1st Semester Senior      1st Year Masters

Year of completion of program: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

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## FOR ALL APPLICANTS:

Please respond to the topic set forth below (based on your academic level) and write a brief essay on that topic. The essay must be typed (double spaced) and will be judged on content, grammar, punctuation and spelling. Essays shall be no longer than 1,000 words.

### **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:**

Identify and describe an existing or potential attraction within your county and what effect it has on your community.

### **TWO AND FOUR YEAR PROGRAM STUDENTS:**

What and why should the state do to make tourism a bigger part of our state income/employment sector?

Or

What does the State's new marketing brand, Connecticut *still revolutionary* mean to you and how would you communicate the brand to potential visitors to Connecticut.

### **MASTERS PROGRAM STUDENTS:**

Select a tourism criterion that affects a Connecticut community in relation to tourism.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined information contained in the application for this scholarship grant and accompanying documents and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct and complete, and I am in fact eligible for funding under this scholarship program. I am aware that the submission of any false information or omission of any pertinent information resulting in the false representation of a material fact may subject me to civil and/or criminal penalties for filing of false public record and/or forfeiture of any funding awarded under this program. I further declare that I have reviewed the Connecticut Office of Tourism's Scholarship Grant Guidelines and acknowledge my responsibility as a scholarship applicant to become familiar with these guidelines and that failure to comply could result in ineligibility for the scholarship program. I understand that should I have any questions regarding these guidelines, I may contact the Connecticut Office of Tourism. I further understand that all documents submitted become the property of Connecticut Office of Tourism.

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**APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE**

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**DATE**

### **PLEASE SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WITH LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION AND TRANSCRIPTS TO:**

Rosemary Bove/ Connecticut Office of Tourism  
450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 5  
Hartford, CT 06103  
(860) 500-2355

**All applications must be received by 4pm on Friday May 10, 2019. (Hand delivered or mailed) Email applications will not be accepted.**

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