



Arlene Sheff Student Scholarship Fund

Objective: To mentor students studying to work in the meetings industry and to support students in their journey to become a meeting professional.

MPI Orange County recognizes that it is important for the future of our industry and of the general business community to mentor, train and recruit youth and student members currently studying toward an ultimate goal of a career in the meetings industry. Therefore, MPIOC believes in providing a forum for active learning and career-building engagement in an environment of professional mentorship.

The scholarship recipient will be awarded the following:

- An annual new or renewing membership in MPI as a member of the Orange County (MPIOC) chapter, awarded once during the term
- Complimentary early-birds student registration (or value thereof) for up to 3 educational events and 1 social event during the term year. (Additional events are available at student rate)
- Direct engagement opportunities and guidance by elected committee members to actively volunteer in multiple committees and projects as a means of enhancing student applied learning, building of skills, and networking
- A certificate of recognition for volunteer service and an invitation to the Volunteer VIP Reception at the close of the term
- Letters of recommendation, based on earned merit, for future employers.

Additionally, MPIOC Recognize the top performing student as the **“Shining Star Student Award”** annually at the Annual Awards & Installation program

The financial value of the award shall not exceed cash value of \$250 and is not eligible for cash redemption.

Criteria and Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants will be required to adhere to the following:

- Maintain active eligible STUDENT membership in MPI Orange County chapter during the entire term once the application is received. “Students-in-Transition” memberships are not eligible.
- Authenticate current enrollment in a college/university, trade school or certificate program with focus on meeting and event planning or hospitality management based the on the Student level qualifications of MPI International.
- Complete and submit the scholarship application, a professional resume and at least one letter of recommendation from an active event professional, professor or other instructor.
- Submit with application a minimum 250-word statement about why the scholarship would benefit him or her, including a brief explanation about future goals or interests in the meetings and events or hospitality management field.

- Participate as an active volunteer in good standing for at least a cumulative 10 hours of time across the 12 months of the term. Hours may be spread across multiple committees and roles and may include both on-site event support and other behind the scenes committee work.
- Must be used within 12 months of receiving the scholarship. Must attend a minimum four MPI Orange County programs or events in one year.
- Submit a summary about the educational and/or networking benefits they obtained after attending each program.

Failure to adhere to these minimum standards may result in dismissal from committees or other actions, depending on the circumstances. MPIOC reserves the right to revoke scholarships at any time as a result of non-compliance.

Application Period:

Scholarships for the current term are available 1/1/2020 through 7/31/2020. A minimum of two (2) scholarships will be awarded on a first- come first serve basis based on merit and number of applications received.

Should additional scholarship funds become available based on sponsorship or other Board of Directors determination, additional applications will be considered for award. MPIOC reserves the right not to award scholarships if applications received are either insufficient or do not merit award.

Awards

Scholarship recipients will be notified via email of their award status and within thirty (30) days will be placed in a committee of choice based on stated interests during the application process.

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APPLICATION FORM

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: July 31, 2020

Name:

MPIOC membership status (Not a member, New, or Renewing):

MPI member number (if applicable):

Other associations or club involvement:

Name of current college/university or trade school in which you are enrolled:

Current year attending (Freshman, Sophomore, etc.):

Discipline(s) of study: (BS, BA, AA, Certificate, other):

Status (circle one) Full Time Student / Part Time Student

Number of units currently enrolled in per quarter or semester:

Are you currently employed in the events or hospitality industry? (Yes/No)

If yes, provide employer company name and supervisor:

List any conferences, programs or events you have attended in the last 12 months. Include name, location, and date:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM by 7/31.

Attach to this application a professional resume, letter of recommendation, and an approximately 250 word statement and send to Info@MPIOC.com, with "Student Scholarship Application" in the subject line. The Scholarship Chair will be contacted for follow up. Thank you!