***Skal International Boston***

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***Keith Staples Travel and Tourism***

***Scholarship Fund***

**APPLICATION**

**2014**

***Please return to:***

***Massachusetts Lodging Association (MLA) Education Foundation, Inc.***

***111 State Street - Suite 2***

***Boston, MA 02109***

**BOSTON SKAL CLUB/KEITH STAPLES TRAVEL AND TOURISM SCHOLARSHIP FUND INFORMATION**

* Annually, one scholarship of $1500.00 is available through the Boston Skal Club/Keith Staples Scholarship Fund, administered through the Massachusetts Lodging Association Education Foundation, Inc.
* The purpose of this Boston Skal Club/Keith Staples Scholarship Fund is to encourage professional development within the lodging industry by awarding academic scholarships to college students who are permanent residents of Massachusetts and are enrolled in travel and tourism industry majors at a two- or four-year higher education accredited institution.
* **APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS IS MARCH 24, 2014**.
* Original completed applications should be submitted directly to: Boston Skal Club/Keith Staples SCHOLARSHIP FUND, c/o MLA Education Foundation, Inc., 111 State Street, Suite 2, Boston, MA 02109. (No copies or faxes will be accepted.)
* Financial support is provided for enrollment in a U.S. accredited baccalaureate or associate program leading to a degree in a travel and tourism related field.
* Each scholarship will be awarded in the amount of $1500.00 in the name of the awarded recipient and the financial office of the enrolled institution. Checks will be sent directly to the institution and must be endorsed by both parties.
* Scholarship award recipients will be notified in writing by April 24, 2014.

**ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE EVALUATED BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

* Complete Application submission by deadline, no exceptions
* Full-time, matriculated college student with declared major affiliated with the travel and tourism industry
* Cumulative credits reflecting Sophomore, Junior or Senior class status
* Resident of or attending school in New England.
* Applicant seeks a career in the travel and tourism industry
* Student with travel and tourism industry related experience (preferred)
* Letter of Recommendation(s) ANY APPLICANT RECOMMENDED BY A BOSTON SKAL MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING WILL BE GIVEN FIRST CONSIDERATION. PREFERRED CONSIDERATION WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ANY OTHER SKAL MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING.
* Official College Transcript – no copies, no unofficial or any other facsimile will be accepted
* Personal Essay

* Financial need

### INSTRUCTIONS

Complete this application and submit the original with the attachments required prior to the ***Application******Deadline of March 24, 2014***. It is the responsibility of the applicant to be certain that all attachments are received by Massachusetts Lodging Association Education Foundation, Inc.

(If you require additional space, please reference attached pages)

**SECTION I - PERSONAL INFORMATION**

(Please PRINT or TYPE on this form)

1. NAME OF APPLICANT:

2. PERMANENT ADDRESS:

CITY: MASSACHUSETTS, ZIP:

3. TELEPHONE NUMBER:

4. DATE OF BIRTH: EMAIL:

5. GENDER: FEMALE MALE

6. PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S FULL NAME AND ADDRESS:

#### SECTION II – HIGHER EDUCATION INFORMATION

1. NAME OF INSTITUTION YOU ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING:

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2. DECLARED MAJOR:

3. ADDRESS OF FINANCIAL AID OFFICE:

4. FINANCIAL AID COUNSELOR/CONTACT NAME:

5. ANTICIPATED DATE OF GRADUATION:

SECTION III - WORK EXPERIENCE

1. LIST YOUR PAID POSITIONS HELD AS FOLLOWS:

##### JOB TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. LIST EXTRA-CURRICULAR OR OTHER WORK ACTIVITIES YOU FEEL HAVE CONTRIBUTED THE MOST TO

YOUR DEVELOPMENT:

###### SECTION IV- PERSONAL ESSAY (not more than 500 words)

ATTACH YOUR PERSONAL ESSAY THAT DESCRIBES YOUR BACKGROUND, INTERESTS, ETC., AND INCLUDES:

1. How and when you became interested in the hospitality field

2. Personal experiences with the hospitality field as a customer, as a staff member or with respect to someone working in the industry

3. Characteristics or qualifications that will allow you to succeed in this field

4. What progress you expect to make in the next ten years in this field

**SECTION V- FINANCIAL STATUS**

Massachusetts Lodging Association respects the right of the applicant

to maintain confidentiality regarding all financial disclosures.

1. DO YOU EXPECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM YOUR FAMILY?

IF YES, APROXIMATELY HOW MUCH (state in dollars) FOR THE UPCOMING

ACADEMIC YEAR

2. DO YOU EXPECT TO RECEIVE ANY FINANCIAL LOANS OR GRANTS FROM OTHER PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES? IF SO, PLEASE LIST NAME OF FUND AND AMOUNT:

3. HOW MUCH OF THE TUITION CAN YOU ASSUME? (state in dollars):

4. DOES YOUR CURRENT EMPLOYER OFFER TUITION ASSISTANCE?

5. COSTS PER YEAR: TUITION: BOOKS:

FEES: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ROOM & BOARD:

TOTAL:

SECTION VI – REQUIRED ENCLOSURES

**ATTACH THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION:**

**1. SUBMIT RECOMMENDATION(S) (minimum of one no more than three) which reflect the person’s opinion regarding your potential for achieving a successful career in this industry and why. Recommendations should be selected from a faculty member, academic advisor, or work related supervisor.**

**2. SUBMIT A RECENT OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT (within the last three months)**