



# Joe Perdue Scholarship Information & Eligibility Guidelines

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The Club Foundation, the only 501(c)(3) charitable organization for the private club industry, was created by the Club Managers Association of America (CMAA) in 1988. Its mission is to financially support the professional development of club managers through education, training and research initiatives. This includes awarding scholarships to students who are pursuing careers in club management.

## Perdue Scholarship Awards

The Club Foundation awards scholarships based on the availability of funds and merit of the application. Scholarship awards are made at the recommendation of The Club Foundation Allocation Committee (CFAC) and approved by The Club Foundation Board of Governors. Perdue Scholarship awards are made directly to the awardee's college/university registrar/bursar.

## Who should apply

Any individual who is actively seeking a managerial career in the private club industry and is currently attending an accredited, four-year college or university hospitality undergraduate program, may apply to The Club Foundation for the Perdue Scholarship.

## Eligibility

Candidates must have the following:

- Strong evidence that the candidate is pursuing a managerial career in the private club industry.
- Fully enrolled at an accredited four-year institution.
- Has completed at least one full academic year of study in a hospitality program and is enrolled for the upcoming year.
- A current grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, or 4.5 on a 6.0 scale.

**Application Requirements:** The following items will be needed to complete the online application.

- **Contact Information.** Complete all form fields requesting a variety of information such as contact information, school name, employment history,
- **Essay.** Write an essay (500-1000 words) addressing the following components – (PDF upload):
  - Your career objectives and goals.
  - The characteristics you possess that will enable you to succeed as a club manager.
  - Your perception of CMAA and the private club industry.
  - Your specific interests within the private club management field.
  - Why you feel that you should be a Perdue Scholarship recipient.
- **Official college transcripts.** (PDF upload)  
If you have attended more than one college or university, please upload transcripts from each school. Upload the most recently available transcript from your current institution.

- **Extracurricular activities.** (PDF upload or text field)  
Include all college-level extracurricular activities in which you are an active participant (i.e., CMAA student chapters, hotel societies, student organizations, etc.) Please define the objective of each organization and your primary role including how the organization has benefited from your involvement and how long you've been involved. Comment on any special recognition received, as well as how you have benefited from these clubs/activities.
- **Recommendations.** (PDF upload)
  - At least one recommendation letter, signed, a faculty advisor/professor on your institution/department letterhead.
  - At least one recommendation letter, signed, from a private club industry professional on club letterhead.
  - Recommendations should be from your professional/educational contacts who are not family members
- **Resume.** (PDF upload)  
Upload a copy of your current resume.

### **Submitting Your Application:**

- [Click here](#) to access the online application.
- Applications must be submitted by 11:59 pm EST on the deadline date listed on our website, [click here](#), then click on "Students" and then "Joe Perdue Scholarship".
- Applicants will be notified via email that their application has been successfully submitted.
- All applicants are notified whether or not they will be awarded, typically in the month of August.

Please use the [online contact form](#) for any questions regarding the application or submission process or call us as 703-299-4284.