

**National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation
2010 Gruppo Ristoratori Italiani/Giacomo Bologna Scholarship**

**Application Deadline:
February 10, 2010**

The National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) and Gruppo Ristoratori Italiani (GRI) /Giacomo Bologna will award recipients a trip to Italy under the auspices of GRI. This trip, from New York to Italy, will include an all-expenses-paid educational culinary/wine seminar or viticulture workshop. Personal and incidental expenses are not included in the scholarship.

Gruppo Ristoratori Italiani is a not-for-profit association composed primarily of Italian restaurateurs from across the United States. The association was founded in 1979 with a mission to increase the awareness of fine, authentic, Italian cuisine and to promote its image through member restaurants, culinary scholarships, fundraising events, and the news media. One of the guiding goals that drives GRI is to provide education and information about Italian cuisine to GRI members, restaurateurs, the press, schools, importers, and anyone with a serious interest in authentic Italian food. For more info on GRI, visit www.gruppo.com.

HOW TO APPLY

Please follow the FIVE steps below to complete your Application Packet. All materials must be mailed to the NRAEF and postmarked by the deadline date.

STEP #1: Make sure you are qualified for this scholarship. Please read through the qualifications below. If you don't meet ALL of these qualifications you are not eligible to apply.

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Be a citizen or permanent resident* of the United States of America
- Be an undergraduate student who is currently enrolled full-time in an accredited culinary school, college, or university
- Demonstrate a commitment to Italian Viticulture
- Have at least two years of culinary experience and/or viticulture training, working directly with a chef in the preparation of food or with a sommelier. This experience must be supported by two letters of recommendation by culinary professional who can attest to your talent, interest and experience.

STEP #2: Complete the required essay for the *Gruppo Ristoratori Italiani/Giacomo Bologna Scholarship*

This essay is required as part of the scholarship application packet and must be submitted with your printed and signed application and other required documents as outlined in these instructions. The essay must be typed, double-spaced and have a maximum of 750 words. Please put your name at the top of each page of your essay. Your essay must address each item in the essay question.

Essay Question:

Item 1: How do you feel this program will enhance your current knowledge of Italian food, wine, and overall gastronomic culture?

Item 2: In your opinion, what is the perception of Italian cuisine in the U.S.? Are most Americans able to distinguish between "authentic" and "imitation"?

Item 3: How will you utilize this experience to further carry out the GRI mission?

STEP #3: Complete the online application form at www.nraef.org/scholarships

Complete, print and sign the online application form.

* *Permanent Resident Alien: Any person not a citizen of the United States who is residing in the U.S. under legally recognized and lawfully recorded permanent residence as an immigrant. Also known as a resident alien permit holder and green card holder.*

STEP #4: Gather all the required documentation

To be considered for a scholarship, your application packet must include the following:

1. Signed hard copy of your online application form.
2. Typed essay.
3. A transcript from your current institution (unofficial copies are acceptable; report cards are not)
4. At least two letters of recommendation from an employer or culinary professional. Letters of recommendation must attest to work experience in viticulture training, experience with a sommelier, and interest in Italian cuisine and culture.

OR

At least two completed NRAEF recommendation forms. The form is the last page in these instructions.

STEP #5: Mail application, essay, and required documentation on or before the deadline date

Documentation sent separately from the application must be postmarked by the application date or your application will be disqualified.

OTHER IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

REASONS FOR DISQUALIFICATION, IN-ELIGIBILITY, AND RESTRICTIONS

- Your Application Packet will not be considered if it is:
 - Handwritten
 - Incomplete (missing any of the required documentation described above)
- Late (postmarked after the deadline)
- You will be graduating prior to May 2011
- Please do not send any paperwork that has not been requested. Do **NOT** put your Application Packet into a report cover, binder, or file.
- You may only receive one NRAEF scholarship per calendar year.

HOW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE JUDGED AND SELECTED

Applications are judged by a panel of educators, industry leaders, and culinary professionals. Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis.

The judges will score your application on the following criteria:

- ✓ Presentation (spelling, punctuation, grammar, etc.)
- ✓ Essay (quality of writing, word count, etc)
- ✓ Industry related work experience
- ✓ Strength of the letters of recommendation

HOW YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED

Scholarship recipients and non-recipients are notified via U.S. Mail approximately twelve weeks after the deadline date. If you are awarded a scholarship, you will receive a letter from the NRAEF explaining how to claim your scholarship.

Mail your application and all required documents on or before the deadline to:

National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation
ATTN: Scholarship Program
175 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1500
Chicago, IL 60604-2702

If you have any questions about the application process contact the NRAEF Scholarship Program office at 800-765-2122, ext. 6738 or scholars@nraef.org.

The NRAEF wishes you success in your academic and career goals.

All instructions, applications, and deadlines are valid only for the specific scholarship and deadline stated on the instructions and applications. Once the stated deadline has expired, the instructions and applications are no longer valid. If you need current scholarship information, please go to our website www.nraef.org/scholarships.



Recommendation Form

NOTE TO THE APPLICANT

A completed scholarship application packet should include one to three recommendations. Please fill out the top section of this page before giving the form to the recommender of your choice.

Applicant's Name: _____ Recommender's Name: _____

Type of Recommendation: Academic Foodservice Industry Other _____

NOTE TO THE RECOMMENDER

The applicant has selected you, as a reference, to provide a candid recommendation to the NRAEF as a part of the scholarship application process. Once this form is completed, please return it to the student in a signed envelope with your signature across the seal. The student will submit your sealed recommendation to us along with his/her other application materials. Thank you for your input. Please feel free to attach an additional letter.

How do you know this student? _____

How long have you known this student? _____

If you are an employer or supervisor, please indicate the number of hours this individual worked for you:

less than 250 hours between 250 and 500 hours between 500 and 750 hours over 750 hours

Please rate the applicant:

	<i>Above Average</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Below Average</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
Interpersonal communication skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to work with others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Demonstrates initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Performance under stress	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-confidence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsibility and reliability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to accept constructive feedback and learn from it	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attendance and timeliness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Demonstrated interest in the foodservice / hospitality industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Tell us how this student stands out from his/her peers and include any additional information you would like to share about the student? (If needed, please attach a separate piece of paper)

Signature of Recommender _____ Date _____

Name of Recommender _____ Phone Number _____

Organization _____ Title _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____