



Hospitality Training Association Inc.

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HTA scholarships open doors to hospitality careers

Young people looking for an exciting career in the Hospitality and Tourism Industry should consider applying for the 2009 Industry Scholarship Program.

The Scholarships are being offered by the Hospitality Training Association Inc. (HTA) in conjunction with the peak industry employer and employee associations:

- Clubs Queensland
- Hotel, Motel and Accommodation Association (HMAA)
- Liquor, Hospitality and Miscellaneous Union (LHMU)
- Queensland Hotels Association (QHA)
- Restaurant and Catering Queensland (RCQ)

HTA is Queensland's leading training, employment and recruitment organisation servicing the growing hospitality and tourism industry. The 2009 Industry Scholarship Program, worth more than \$300,000 and aims to promote the hospitality and tourism industry as a career pathway for the next generation of industry staff and management.

Commencing in January 2009, the Diploma of Hospitality Management scholarships are valued at \$18,000 each and prepare students for a rewarding career in the industry.

HTA CEO Phillip Charlton said the 2009 Industry Scholarship Program was now accepting applications following its launch last night.

"Over the past five years, HTA has provided more than \$1.6 million in scholarship funding to school leavers and the hospitality industry," he said.

"Anyone who has contemplated a rewarding career in the hospitality and tourism industry should apply.

"At the completion of the one-year diploma, the scholarship recipients will have an internationally-recognised qualification which will be their passport to success."

HTA President and RCQ Chief Executive Officer, James Visser, acknowledged the benefits of this program to the Industry.

"This had undoubtedly had a significant impact not only on the lives of the young people who have been given the opportunity to gain a head start towards a career in hospitality but the hospitality and tourism industry who benefit from qualified, skilled, experienced and motivated staff," said Mr Visser.

Applicants need to address selection criteria and are interviewed by a three-person panel of industry professionals from: Restaurant and Catering Queensland, Queensland Hotels Association, Hotel, Motel and Accommodation Association, Liquor, Hospitality and Miscellaneous Union, Clubs Queensland, McGuires Hotel Group and Hospitality Training Association Inc.

In addition to paid internships, the scholarships include all tuition fees, textbooks, uniforms and tools of the trade.

HTA provides industry-relevant training and apprenticeships to more than 800 domestic and international students each year, helping to address the Australian skills shortage and providing internationally-recognised qualifications to launch careers.

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