

"I would like to take a moment to thank the IEF for your generosity. With this scholarship I will be the first person in my family to be able to attend college and fulfill my dream of becoming a nurse." -Jonah



#### 2024-2025

Create an account, or log in to your existing account. Once you log in you will be taken to the first page of the application. Should you need additional assistance, please call International Scholarship and Tuition Services (ISTS) directly at 615-777-3750.

## Be sure to enter the Program Key: ILLUMINATORS

#### **Scholarship Submission Timeline**

Applications must be completed and submitted (no exceptions) no later than March 4, 2024.

Final selections will be made by our 3rd party ISTS and will be announced by the IEF Scholarship committee no later than April 2, 2024.

# What is the Scholarship Selection Process?

Analysis by our 3rd Party of high school/college GPA, school and community activities, moral character, and the submission of an essay on either of the following prompts:

- What qualities in a company encourage you to work for them?
- How do you see yourself making a difference in another person's life? Essay can be submitted in writing or as a video. See the website for details.

## For Retail Management Certificate

Program students essay prompt: Your goals within the food industry

#### Are You Eligible

You are eligible if you are a high school senior, full-time college student with one or more years of undergraduate work remaining, or an adult returning to college to further your career within the food industry.

Must be: (a) employed in the food industry or (b) a direct relative\* of a current organizational member of the Illuminators, Illuminators Educational Foundation, California Grocers Association, or Western Association of Food Chains.

\*Direct relative is defined as an aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, child, sibling or grandchild.

## **Category Descriptions:**

Adversity Scholarships will be awarded to individuals who have overcome personal adversities, or exhibit unusual needs, and have demonstrated admirable gains in academic standings. Good moral character is expected.

**Graduate Program** candidates who are current or incoming students with one or more years of graduate work remaining, or adults looking to return to graduate school to further their career.

## **Retail Management Certificate**

**Program Graduates** that have completed the RMCP and or applying to a community college or university to continue their education within the food industry. **Community College/RMCP** Students applying to a 2-year community college or applying to start the Retail Management Certificate program.

#### **Disbursement of Funds**

- Once a recipient has been selected and has enrolled in an accredited college or university, the award/check will be mailed from ISTS directly to the recipient. It is the recipients responsibility to send/deliver payment to the Registrars or Bursar's office of the college or university. The check will be mailed from ISTS no later than July 26, 2024.
- The Funds will be applied against the recipient's educational expenses for tuition, fees, books, etc.
- Funds must be used within a 12-month period from the date announced.

#### What Else Should I Know?

By submitting this application, you release the illuminators Educational Foundation, it's affiliates, directors, trustees, officers, employees, agents, licensees, and assigns from any liability whatsoever, and waive any and all causes of action related to any claims, costs, injuries, losses, or damages of any kind arising out of or in connection with the scholarship or delivery, mis delivery, acceptance possession, use of or inability to use the scholarship (including, without limitation) claims, costs, injuries, losses, and damages related to personal injuries, death, damage to or

destruction of property, rights of publicity or privacy, defamation or portrayal in a false light, whether intentional or unintentional whether under a theory of contract, tort, warranty or other theory.

**CERTIFICATION:** In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information will result in termination of any scholarship granted. This application becomes the sole property of the Illuminators Educational Foundation.

#### Use of Image / Name / Voice

Except where prohibited by law, submittal of this application constitutes permission to use the name, image, visual likeness, and/or voice of the applicant(s) to whom the scholarship is awarded, without limitation, for promotional purposes without further permission or compensation. As a condition of being awarded the scholarship, except were prohibited by law, applicants may be required to execute a release and license to the use of their name, image, visual likeness, voice and/or prize information, without limitation, for promotional purposes, without further permission or compensation.

Accepting Applications
Starting September 11, 2023
Final Submission Date:
March 4, 2024
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# Illuminators **Educational Foundation**

"I would like to thank the IEF for choosing me for such an honor. Thank you for helping me realize my longterm goal of becoming a veterinarian."

-Alyssa

#### **IEF Mission Statement**

The Illuminators Educational Foundation provides college scholarships to further the education of members and families of the Illuminators, Western Association of Food Chains, and the California Grocers Association.

# \$152,500

### Scholarships will be awarded in 2024

- Memorial Scholarship Two (2) \$2.500 Special Recognition Scholarships in memory of Illuminators and Education Foundation.
- Thirteen (13) scholarships of \$1,000 intended for community college students and/or students applying for the Retail Management Certificate Program.
- Eleven (11) scholarships of \$2,500 intended for Retail Management Certificate Program graduates (Must be a current grocery industry employee) that are continuing their education at a university.
- Thirteen (13) scholarships of \$2,500 intended for students based on academic performance and overall school/community involvement.
- Thirteen (13) scholarships of \$2,500 intended for students personal circumstances and ability to overcome adversity.
- Two (2) scholarships of \$2,500 awarded for graduate level work.
- \$12,000 awarded to the CGA (California Grocers Association) Educational Foundation.
- \$25,000 awarded to WAFC (Western Association of Food Chains) Education Fund.

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