THE CHICAGO CLUB MANAGERS FOUNDATION BOARD PRESENTS...

THE 2025 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

GREATER ILLINOIS CHAPTER
CLUB MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

May, 2025

Dear Scholarship Applicants:

We are proud to present to you the Chicago Club Managers Foundation and Greater Illinois Club Managers Association Student Scholarship Application. We are excited that you have chosen to apply, as we feel you have made a fine decision in joining the Club Industry internship program, and specifically within the Chicago Area clubs.

The purpose of our scholarship is to support students enrolled in a qualified Hospitality Program pursuing a career in Club Management. Many of our past scholarship recipients have gone on to enjoy careers within the Club Industry. Our goal is to help you continue your pursuit of a hospitality degree and focus on private clubs.

It is important that you fill out the entire application and follow up with your recommendation forms. Please keep the following timetable of key dates in mind.

Now ..... Begin obtaining all recommendation forms
July 22nd ..... Deadline for applications and recommendation forms
August 5th ..... Interview at River Forest Country Club (applicants to be contacted by a committee member)
August 12th..... Scholarship Awards Luncheon; Cress Creek Country Club

Along with your completed application, we ask that you include up to three letters of recommendation, a current resume, and an essay of no more than 700 words telling us the following:

- What specifically ignited your interest in the private club industry?
- Please note if this is your first time interning in a private club or if you have past experience.
- If you do not have experience, what has excited you the most about your current club/position?
- If you have prior experience, please discuss how this has impacted your potential for a long-term career in private clubs and how you feel you best impact the club industry.
- Do you have a Mentor, and if so, how did that person affect your decision to intern for private clubs?
- What are your private club career goals after graduation?
- Feedback is incredibly important to us. Please provide any recommendations or thoughts about what would have made your internship a better experience.

Please do not hesitate to ask questions of your Club Manager Sponsor or one of our committee members.
We are happy to help you in any way possible.

Best of Luck,

Anahi Perez, CCM & Nora Cotter, CCM
Co-Chair, Student Development Committee

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1. The CCMF and GICMA Scholarship will be funded by the proceeds from the annual Foundation Golf Tournament, annual Chapter dues contributions, and any other means authorized by the Board of Directors of both organizations.

2. The CCMF and GICMA Student Scholarship is available to current club student employees.

3. All individuals applying for a CCMF and GICMA Student Scholarship must be pursuing either an associates or undergraduate degree in a two or four-year hospitality curriculum, respectively.

a. All Scholarship applicants enrolled in a four-year college or university hospitality program must be matriculating as a Sophomore, Junior, or Senior in the upcoming fall quarter, semester, or term.

b. All Scholarship applicants attending a two-year hospitality program must have completed their first year and be enrolled for the second year in the upcoming fall quarter, semester, or term.

4. All individuals applying for a CCMF and GICMA Scholarship must attend at least two of the Student Development Committee events scheduled during the summer 2025 program.

A. Networking Night on June 3, 2025 (Butterfield Country Club)
B. City Tours on June 24, 2025 (Chicago Yacht Club and The Cliff Dwellers)
C. Western Suburbs Tours on July 29, 2025 (River Forest Country Club and Medinah Country Club)

5. Scholarships shall not be automatically renewable; therefore, students receiving scholarships from the previous year must reapply for the next year.

6. The number of scholarships shall be determined by the Scholarship Committee, based on the number of qualified applicants and the monies available in the Scholarship fund. Financial need shall not be a requirement, but may be taken into consideration.

7. All applicants are required to be personally interviewed by the Scholarship Committee, as part of the selection process will be announced via email. Location and timing to be announced at a later time. All Scholarship applications should be directed to the Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs by email and must be received no later than **July 22nd.**

Email the PDF version of the Full Application to both:
APEREZ@north-shorecc.org & NCOTTER@skokiecc.com
* The Scholarship Committee will be appointed by the Student Development Chairman

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Full Name : Phone Number :

Email Address :

Internship Club: Phone Number :

Summer Address :

Student I.D Number : (If applicable) Major:

Name & Address of College/University :

Payment Office Address :

Entering: Junior Year ☐ Senior Year ☐ Second Year of Two-Year School ☐

List extracurricular activities in which you have taken part, such as community service work, representing your school in athletic contests, editorships, entertainment and holding office in student organizations, and responsible positions in school functions. Comment on any special recognition received

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Does your current school have a student chapter of CMAA:	Yes ☐	No ☐
If "Yes", Are you a member?	Yes ☐	No ☐
If "Yes", how many years have you been a member?	Yes ☐	No ☐

If "Yes", list any office positions you have held.

If "No", please let us know why you are not a member?

What Clubs have you visited or activities have you participated in with your student chapter?

Please write an Essay of no more than 700 words telling us the following:

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Parent's Names :

Address :

Phone Number :

Are any of your family members in the private club industry in a management or supervisory position? Yes ☐ No ☐

If "Yes", please provide the following information:

Relative's Name :

Position in Club :

Name of Club :

Club Address :

Club Managers Name :

Club Manager/Supervisor Recommendation Form

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Dear Club Manager:

The Student named below is applying for a scholarship from the Greater Illinois Club Managers Association (GICMA) and The Chicago Club Managers Foundation (CCMF), and is seeking your endorsement as required by the GICMA and CCMF program criteria. Please include a personalized letter of recommendation. The content of the endorsement is of your discretion, but it would be appreciated if you would address the following points:

1. How long and under what circumstances have you known the applicant?

2. Why are you endorsing the applicant?

3. Would the applicant make a good employee, and what is his/her potential for advancement in the club field?

This endorsement is an important component of the application process and we appreciate your time in submitting this information.

Please give this form and your endorsement letter to the applicant to submit to the Scholarship Committee Chairman.

Scholarship Applicants Name :	
Supervisor Name	
Name of Club :	
Club Address :	
Supervisor Signature :	

Please complete and return to applicant.
Combined PDF Application Must Be Turned In By The Applicant No Later Than July 1st, 2024

Advisor/ Professor Reccomendation Form

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Dear School Advisor/ Professor:

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Scholarship Applicants Name :	
Advisor/Professor Name	
Name of School :	
School Address :	
Advisor/Professor Signature :	

Please complete and return to applicant.
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Optional 3rd
Reccomendation Form

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Scholarship Applicants Name :

Name :

Profession :

Relationship to applicant :

Address :

Signature :

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Your scholarship application packet MUST include the following items, incomplete applications will be rejected. All application submittals MUST be received by ?????

PDF Application: ☐

Letters of Recommendation: ☐

Current Resume: ☐

Essay: ☐ (See cover letter of application for details)

Applicant Signature :

Date :

Dear Intern,

If you decide to pursue the application process with the Greater Chicago Club Foundation, we're excited to learn more about you and your interest in the private club industry. As you prepare, here is what to expect during the interview:

- Be Professional: Dress appropriately, arrive on time and communicate clearly and respectfully
- Share your thoughts: Tell us what you think about the private club industry. Your opinions matter, and we'd love to hear your insights
- Talk about your internship experience(s): Discuss any internships you've had. Share what you've learned and how it relates to the private club industry.
- Share your career goals: What are your career aspirations? We want to understand how this scholarship fits into your plans for the future.

We're looking forward to our conversation and getting to know you better. If you have any questions before the interview, feel free to reach out

Best Regards,

Anahi Perez, CCM
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