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The Virginia Restaurant, Lodging & Travel Association Foundation Announces 2023 Scholarship Winners

The VRLTA Foundation is awarding scholarships to eight (8) students across Virginia for the upcoming academic school year.

Richmond, Va. – The [Virginia Restaurant, Lodging & Travel Association Foundation](#) announced that they will be awarding eight scholarships to students across Virginia for the upcoming academic school year. The VRLTAF offers annual scholarships to provide financial assistance to worthy individuals studying in the culinary arts or hospitality industries.

“We’re thrilled to award scholarships to these eight incredibly deserving students,” said Jim Wilson, Vice President of Education & Workforce Development for the Virginia Restaurant, Lodging, and Travel Association. “Programs like these are instrumental in supporting the future of the culinary and hospitality industries, helping pave the way for students to pursue their dreams in those fields.”

Through generous financial contributions from restaurateurs, hoteliers and hospitality suppliers throughout the Commonwealth, VRLTAF has been able to provide over \$200,000 in scholarship funding to high school students studying in the hospitality field. [These scholarships](#) are available to high school/vocational school graduates, community college students with one year of hospitality industry education, university students majoring in hospitality industry management, and post-secondary school students.

Below is the list of scholarship recipients and the schools they’ll attend this upcoming fall semester:

- Caleb Brown - Johnson & Wales University
- Sabrina Bowles - Culinary Institute of Virginia
- Daniel Carroll - Sullivan University
- Christopher Casab - Culinary Institute of America
- Hanah Gates - Culinary Institute of American
- Max Grefe - Culinary Institute of America
- Lauren Poythress - University of Miami
- Louis Welch - Virginia Tech

Applications for 2024 academic scholarships will open in January and run through May 1, 2024. Thank you to the scholarship co-sponsors: [Ford’s Fish Shack](#), [Glory Days Grill](#), [Retro Hospitality](#) and [Silver Diner](#).

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As the educational arm of the VRLTA, the [Virginia Restaurant, Lodging, and Travel Association Foundation](#) exists to enhance the restaurant and hospitality industries through education and encouraging youth to pursue post-secondary education in the culinary and hospitality fields. This is primarily done through the coordination of the Virginia ProStart program and the administration of a scholarship program.