

Merani Scholarship

The College of Hospitality, Sport, and Tourism Management, in partnership with the Merani Hotel Group, are offering **three** \$30,000 scholarship paid over four years.

1. One Scholarship will be provided to a Niagara University student, who will do 3 (paid) rotating internships over four years at Merani properties

The scholarship is offered to the highly committed students who plan on pursuing a degree in Hospitality or Tourism, and are also interested in gaining work experience while taking classes. These internships will help students acquire high quality, first-hand experience in their field before they graduate.

2. The second Scholarship will be awarded to a current Merani Hotel Group employee/or family of an employee

This scholarship will be marketed to the Merani Hotel Group employees, and if no candidate comes forward, the award will convert to the same criteria as above.

Year 2: Same as above

Year 3: Same as above, and

3. One Scholarship will be awarded to a Niagara University student that is graduating from a high school in Niagara County. They will do 3 (paid) rotating internships over four years at Merani properties

Years 4 and 5: Same as above

Application Requirements for Prospective Niagara University Students:

1. Have a high school GPA of at least 85;
2. Resume focusing on the candidate's extracurricular activities/leadership
3. Be enrolled in Hotel & Restaurant Management or Tourism & Recreation Management Degree
4. Submit **two** essays;
 - a. Why do you want to work in the hospitality/tourism field? (250 words)
 - b. How do you foresee the hospitality industry changing to account for the growing presence of millennial customers and their families?
5. Submit **two** letters of recommendation;
 - a. Can provide information on the candidate's work ethic, ability to work with others and/or commitment to academics
 - b. Examples: Teacher, Advisor, Coach, Supervisor (Job)
6. Applicants on the final list will be interviewed as the last step before a decision is made

To Apply:

Recipients of the scholarship are selected by consensus of the Merani Scholarship Committee. If you are interested in applying for the Merani Scholarship, **please submit the following by March 3rd, 2023.**

1. Your application form
2. Your resume

3. 2 Essays
4. 2 Letters of Recommendation

Merani Committee:

- Assistant Dean, College of Hospitality, Sport, and Tourism Management (Brandi Guerinot)
- Representative from the Merani Hotel Group (Michael Marsch)
- Representative from the Office of Admissions (Erin Clark)
- Faculty from the College of Hospitality, Sport, and Tourism Management (Dr. Choi)