



Foundation of NACE (National Association of Catering Executives) Vince DeFinis Scholarship Program – Spring 2010

The Foundation of NACE is proud to honor one of our founders by establishing the **Vince DeFinis Scholarship Program**, the founder of the first NACE chapter in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mr. Vincent DeFinis, CPCE.

About Vince DeFinis, CPCE

Vincent DeFinis, CPCE, started in the hotel industry in 1932 and worked in all the food and beverage departments of service under European chefs in front operations with the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Systems. In World War II, Vince served in the Air Force as food supervisor for the largest air depot in the European theatre of operations for the Eighth Air Force Service Command. During his association with the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel as director of catering, he personally arranged functions for eight Presidents: Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Reagan, Carter and Bush, as well as many foreign dignitaries and heads of state. For more than fifty years, he served in nearly every executive capacity in the hospitality industry. He was the oldest living NACE member until his passing in November 2007. He was named Man of the Year in 1971 by the National Food Service Executive Association and received the first Hall of Fame award from NACE in 1998.

Vince DeFinis Scholarship Program

In the spring of 2010, two undergraduate students pursuing a degree in hospitality or a closely-related field will be selected to receive two \$10,000 scholarships. The money will be distributed in two payments. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA and be enrolled as a full-time student to be eligible for the scholarship. The recipients will also receive a complimentary student membership in the National Association of Catering Executives.

Application Requirements

- Applicants must be currently enrolled as a full-time student (12 credits or more) in an accredited hospitality or related program.
- Applicant's graduation date must not be before December 2010.
- Applicants must have completed 60 credits.
- Applicants must submit a resume, a essay (no more than 1,000 words) and two letters of reference.
- The essay (Microsoft Word format only) must be submitted by e-mail.
- Applicants must submit official educational transcripts for the previous two years.
- Applications are due no later than **April 1, 2010** and will be awarded **July 26, 2010** in Austin, Texas at the opening session at Experience! 2010.
- All materials (except official educational transcripts) must be emailed to Kris Schneider (kschneider@nacenet.org) unless applicant has received prior permission to submit by alternate method.

Recipient Requirements

- Recipients must attend 2010 conference to receive award and 2011 conference to present the award to the next recipient.



- Recipients must attend 2010 conference and participate in the NACE Foundation activities.
- Recipients will be appointed as a Student Trustees and must attend board meetings, participate in conference calls and file quarterly progress reports with the Foundation Board regarding the following topics:
 - NACE Foundation Board projects, initiatives and committee work
 - Mentor activities and involvement
 - Industry activities and involvement
 - Class updates
 - Work activities (if applicable)
- Recipients must participate in and assist in developing marketing materials for the NACE Foundation that would include, but are not limited to:
 - Photos for print or internet ads
 - NACE-TV
 - Testimonials
 - Web site exposure

For more information, contact Kris Schneider at (410) 290-5410 or kschneider@nacenet.org

**2010 FOUNDATION OF NACE VINCE DEFINIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
(Application deadline April 1, 2010)**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Current address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Email:

Cell Phone:

Phone:

Permanent address:

(if different from above)

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Are you a NACE member?

If yes, how long?

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Name of school:

Expected Date of Graduation:

Overall GPA:

Please submit proof of enrollment in an accredited program.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Name of employer:

Current employment role/position:

Details/Notes:

Start Date:

End Date:

Name of last employer:

Last employment role/position:

Details/Notes:

Start Date:

End Date:

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Please expand on volunteer experience here:

REFERENCES

Name

E-mail

Phone

Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation with their application from a professional caterer (could include current or previous employer), as well as a current professor.

ESSAY	
<p>The Vince DeFinis Scholarship is intended to support students pursuing a degree in hospitality management or related field. Please submit a 1,000 word (maximum) essay explaining what motivated you to pursue a career in catering, events or hospitality management.</p>	
SIGNATURE	
Signature of applicant:	Date:

FOUNDATION OF NACE VINCE DEFINIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ✓ Completed Application
- ✓ Essay (no more than 1,000 words)
- ✓ Essay must be submitted in Microsoft Word format only
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Two letters of reference
- ✓ Proof of enrollment in an accredited hospitality program from registrar
- ✓ Official transcripts from previous two years

All materials must be emailed to Kris Schneider at kschneider@nacenet.org (no later than **April 1, 2010**). Materials will not be accepted by mail unless there is a special request:

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