



Foundation of the National Association of Catering Executives

2012 Vince DeFinis Scholarship Application

The Foundation of NACE is proud to announce its 2012 Vince DeFinis Scholarship Program, in honor of a founder of the first chapter of the National Association of Catering Executives (NACE) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 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 and 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 50 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 2012, undergraduate students pursuing a degree in hospitality or a closely-related field will be awarded scholarships by the Foundation of NACE. The Vince DeFinis scholarship winner will be selected at the conference, among all the 2012 Foundation of NACE scholarship winners. The following scholarship amounts will be awarded:

1. **\$10,000 Vince DeFinis Scholarship Award.** The money will be distributed in two payments. Students must currently have a 3.0 GPA and be enrolled as a full-time student to be eligible for the scholarship. The recipients will also receive.
 - a. This scholarship will also include a full conference registration to the NACE Experience! 2012 conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, July 15-18, 2012. (*Attendance at the NACE Experience! conference is mandatory.*)
 - b. In addition, the scholarship includes travel costs (economy class airfare and three nights hotel stay and a complimentary NACE student membership.
2. **\$2,500 Foundation Scholarship Awards.** The money will be distributed in one payment. Students must currently have a 3.0 GPA and be enrolled as a full-time student to be eligible for the scholarship.
 - a. This scholarship will also include a full conference registration to the NACE Experience! 2012 conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, July 15-18, 2012. (*Attendance at the NACE Experience! conference is mandatory.*)
 - b. In addition, the scholarship includes travel costs (economy class airfare and three nights hotel stay) and a complimentary NACE student membership.

Application Requirements

- All 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 May 2013.
- Applicants must have completed 60 credits.
- All applicants must have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA.
- Applicants must submit a resume, an essay (no more than 1,000 words) and two letters of reference. Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation from a professional caterer (could include current or previous employer), as well as a current professor. 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 **Monday, March 5, 2012** and will be awarded **Monday, July 16, 2012** in New Orleans, LA.
- All materials (except official educational transcripts) must be emailed to Bonnie Fedchock (bfeedchock@nace.net) unless applicant has received prior permission to submit by alternate method.

Recipient Requirements

- Recipients must attend NACE Experience! 2012.
- The Vince DeFinis scholarship recipient will be appointed as a Foundation student trustee 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)
- All Foundation of NACE scholarship 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
- 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.

For more information, contact Bonnie Fedchock at (410) 290-5410 or bfeedchock@nace.net.

**2012 FOUNDATION OF NACE VINCE DEFINIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
APPLICATION
(Application deadline March 5, 2012)**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Current address:

City:

State:

ZipCode:

E-mail:

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 graduation date:

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

ESSAY (TWO PARTS)

The **Vince DeFinis Scholarship Program** is intended to support students pursuing a degree in the hospitality and/or events industry.

1) Please submit a **1,000 word** (maximum) essay explaining why you should be considered for this scholarship.

2) In your essay, please answer the following questions:

- Why are you interested in pursuing a career in catering or event management?
- What kind of a job would you like to gain after graduation?
- What is your ultimate career goal and/or dream job?
- What are your long-term goals and objectives?

SIGNATURE

Signature of applicant:

Date:

FOUNDATION OF NACE VINCE DEFINIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ✓ Completed Application
- ✓ Essay in Microsoft Word format only (no more than 1,000 words)
- ✓ NACE member - yes or no (*circle one*)
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Two letters of reference, include one from a professional caterer
- ✓ Proof of enrollment in an accredited hospitality program from registrar
- ✓ Official transcripts from previous two years

All materials must be emailed to Bonnie Fedchock at bfedchock@nace.net (no later than **March 5, 2012**). If an exception is granted, materials may be sent to the address below.:

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