

Marriott scholars program to award up to \$500,000 annually to minority hospitality college students

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Marriott Foundation Supports United Negro College Fund and Hispanic College Fund

The J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation announced today the launch of the Marriott Scholars Program at both the Hispanic College Fund (HCF) and the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). The Marriott Foundation will award grants of up to \$500,000 annually to HCF and UNCF in support of scholarships for students pursuing degrees within the hospitality management, hotel management, culinary and food and beverage fields. Eligible Hispanic and African American students can apply for renewable scholarships of up to \$9,000 annually in tuition support for up to four years.

As a part of the program, Marriott International managers and executives from the hotels and corporate offices, including Chairman and CEO J.W. "Bill" Marriott, Jr., will provide career guidance, mentoring, development and internship opportunities to scholarship recipients.

"We're excited about the possibilities these scholarships will create for students with a passion for our industry," said Bill Marriott. "Our goal is to work with these two outstanding organizations to provide eligible students with ongoing support throughout the entire process from mentoring and development to career options."

Applicants interested in applying for the Marriott Scholars Program must meet the following eligibility requirements. Candidates must be:

* Hispanic or African American;* enrolled full-time in an accredited four-year college or university with a hospitality management program as an incoming college freshman, first year freshman or community college transfer;* pursuing or planning to pursue a degree within the hospitality management, hotel management, culinary or food and beverage field; and* possess a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale. Those interested can apply online at <http://www.uncf.org/scholarships> or <http://www.hispanicfund.org/>.

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