



## **PRACTICE APPLICATION ONLY**

All actual applications must be completed through the online portal.

Applicant's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Owner's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Owner's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check ONLY one:

\_\_\_\_\_ I am applying for a scholarship to The Catersource Conference and Tradeshow, scheduled for February 24-27, 2025 in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am applying for a scholarship to The Art of Catering Food Conference (Chef focused), scheduled for February 23-24, 2025 in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Please check one:

The person requesting the scholarship is:

\_\_\_\_\_ Owner

\_\_\_\_\_ Management

\_\_\_\_\_ Operations Manager

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Equipment Manager
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sales Staff
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chef
- \_\_\_\_\_ Line Cook
- \_\_\_\_\_ Service Staff
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

What is your main responsibility with your catering operation? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you worked within the hospitality industry? \_\_\_\_\_

The catering operation is a: \_\_\_ for profit catering concern or \_\_\_ not-for-profit catering concern

The catering operation has been in business since: \_\_\_\_\_

Gross sales volume of the company (CHECK ONE):

\$500,000 And Below \_\_\_\_\_ \$500,000 To \$1 Million \_\_\_\_\_

\$1-2 Million - \_\_\_\_\_ Over \$2 Million \_\_\_\_\_

The catering operation has been in business since: \_\_\_\_\_

Has any member of your company attended a Catersource or Art of Catering Food conference in the past? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Please indicate conference name (s) and year(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended a previous conference? \_\_\_ Yes or \_\_\_ No If yes, number of times: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a past winner of an ICAEF/GROW Foundation Scholarship?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes or \_\_\_\_\_ No – what year(s)?



**All Scholarships:**

- All applications should submit a minimum of two (2) recommendation letters from the owner of the company (if not the applicant) and at least one other professional in the industry, up to three letters.

**Answer the following questions completely and thoughtfully:**

1) Why do you want to attend the Catersource Conference & Trade Show or the Art of Catering Food Conference? \_\_\_\_\_

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2) What do you hope to learn at the conference? \_\_\_\_\_

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3) What is the value to your company of you attending this conference? \_\_\_\_\_

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4) How will you inform others within your organization about what you learn? \_\_\_\_\_

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5) How do you envision your future in the catering field? \_\_\_\_\_

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6) What do you hope to accomplish or achieve? \_\_\_\_\_

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7) Please list any professional accomplishments relating to contributions to your current employer concerning cost savings, innovation, creativity, and/or leadership that have benefitted the company or industry. Have you received any special recognition from your company?

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8) Please list any educational opportunities you've participated in to further your career or professional activities you may engage in outside of your company.

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**Award Terms & Conditions:**

- If you leave the employment of your company prior to the conference, the scholarship will be rescinded. Scholarships are non-transferable.
- If your company is no longer in operation, we reserve the right to cancel this scholarship.
- All winners will automatically be a GROW Foundation ambassador.
- You acknowledge that you are responsible for securing and paying for your own travel and entertainment including but not limited to airfare and ground transportation, lodging, meals, etc.

The scholarship includes full **registration tuition for the conference. In addition, a \$500.00 TRAVEL STIPEND will be paid to the COMPANY and paid post-conference, once recipient submits their post conference survey.** Package does not include social functions

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– those are the responsibility of the recipient. Candidate is responsible for coordinating their own travel and expenses including transportation, lodging, meals, etc.

- **All winners of the Catersource Conference scholarship must attend the MANDATORY Recipient/Sponsor Reception that is scheduled for Monday, February 24, 2025 at a location TBA.** A group photo will be taken at this time.
- **All winners must submit an essay** to The GROW Foundation post-conference outlining what receiving this scholarship from The GROW Foundation meant to you and how you will take that knowledge back to your company **no later than two weeks after the conference.** (Summary shall be no less than 300 words and be typed pages. This may be used for marketing purposes.)
- All winners will have their photograph taken by a professional photographer and the photo may be used for marketing purposes and posted on social media.

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