



TMASF Connects 2016 Scholarship Award Program Scholarship Package

Includes Application, Eligibility and Application Procedures, and Parental Consent

Attention:

**San Francisco Unified School District Career Technical Education (CTE)
Graduates of Academy of Hospitality, Tourism and Food Service and Culinary
Entrepreneurship**

You may be eligible for a TMASF Connects Scholarship!

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On behalf of the TMASF Board and Work Committee, congratulations on successful completion of your high school and career academy pending graduation! We hope that your experience strengthened your skills, expanded your vision for the future, and gave you confidence to continue pursuing your goals. We are writing to invite you to apply for a special scholarship opportunity for which you may be eligible.

The TMASF Connects Class of 2016 Scholarship awards variable amounts of money to students who are pursuing post-secondary education, **whether at college, university, or community college, or in vocational or technical training.** The money can be used as desired by the student (certain restrictions apply) and is awarded based on a student essay and an interview for finalists.

Attached you will find the full eligibility requirements, application procedure, and the essay prompt. The basic requirements are that the applicant must: be a student or graduate of a San Francisco high school with 2.75 minimum GPA; ideally have completed 100+ hours of an internship or employment at a [member building](#) during high school; and be accepted to or enrolled in post-secondary education.

If you are interested in applying, read the attached information and consult with your school's college counselor. **Applications must be received by 7 PM on April 20, 2016. You may submit your application [online](#) or download the [application](#) to fill out and send via [email](#) with all required documentation.** We hope that you will apply for a scholarship, and we look forward to reading about your aspirations and experiences in your essay.

Purpose

The purpose of the TMASF Connects Work program is to encourage continued development of our local workforce, learning options and employment opportunities, in order to reduce reliance on the single occupant vehicle for daily commute trips. The TMASF Connects Work program works with the larger Connects program to reduce the negative effects of additional single-occupant vehicles bringing workers to San Francisco on a daily basis.

Our entire region benefits from strong communities that house competitive and prepared local workforces. The Connects Work program is offering the 2016 award cycle to encourage our local students to continue their studies and contribute their skills and education to the next generation of our local workforce.

During 2016, our scholarship program will honor outstanding students who have completed work in San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) Hospitality, Tourism and Food Service and Culinary Entrepreneurship (AHT&F/CE) programs. If you have worked in one of our 79 member buildings – what a plus!

About TMA SF Connects

History

[Website](#)

Founded in 1989 to promote commute alternatives to driving alone. TMA SF Connects serves 72 of San Francisco's commercial buildings representing 23,000,000 square feet of real estate, 2,500 employers and more than 80,000 employees and does not accept any public funding.

Mission

[2015 Annual Report](#) and [Portfolio](#)

The TMA SF is a privately funded not-for-profit association of commercial real estate owners and managers in San Francisco who work together through the Connects program to promote local workforce development and trip reduction strategies delivered through sustainable and state of the art technologies building a mobile and environmentally conscious community.

Work Program Mission

The TMA SF Connects Work program intends to encourage continued development of our local workforce, learning options and employment opportunities and help reduce reliance on the single occupant vehicle for daily commute trips.

2016 Scholarship Program

[Member Buildings](#)

This scholarship is open to San Francisco Unified School District students, preferably those who have completed an internship in one of our member buildings, meet a 2.75 GPA and have been accepted to post-secondary training or education program.

2016 Plans

Scholarship program is increasing in funding and broadening scope to include more students in 2016. Scholarship is 100% funded with membership fees.

Eligibility and Application Procedures

1. Applicant must be a student enrolled in one of SFUSD's AHT&F/CE programs
2. It is desirable if an applicant has completed an internship or worked for an employer for a minimum of 100 hours during their high school tenure in one of our member buildings. Please review attached list of eligible properties.
3. Students must attend or intend to enroll in an accredited post-secondary school in California, including public, private, vocational, technical, trade, or community college, or on the job training program. An acceptance letter or proof of enrollment is required prior to receiving scholarship funds.
4. Students must have maintained an overall grade point average of 2.75 over the course of their high school tenure.
5. Students may elect to use the funds as they see fit, as long as the purpose is lawful, legal, does not endanger self or others. It is not the intention of the scholarship sponsor to dictate the use of funds to the award recipient.
6. A copy of the most current transcript is required. Applicant can request this from their school.
7. Students **must also submit a written essay** between 500 and 750 words that describes how their high school years have helped define their educational and/or career goals; what they intend to do with their education after they complete their intended course of study; and any information that they feel would be helpful to the Selection Panel in their review process. Essay must address the following points:
 - Career and life goals;
 - How this money will help actualize those goals;
 - Any adversity or special circumstances that have impacted your high school years; and,
 - Willingness to notify TMASF Connects about how the money actually helped advance your goals.

If you already completed a TMASF internship form, only your essay is required. Otherwise, the essay must be accompanied by the TMASF Connects 2016 Scholarship Awards Application form.
8. Students must participate in a panel interview with representatives from TMASF Connects association and/or designee.
9. Written consent must be provided by parent or legal guardian for students under 18 years of age.
10. Scholarship awards are for the school year immediately following student's high school graduation.

TMASF Connects reserves the right to cancel the scholarship program at any time for any reason. Once awards are finalized, winners will be notified immediately and receive their funds at the earliest practicable date.

Parental Consent

I CERTIFY that the application answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize TMASF Connects to investigate any statement contained in this application as necessary to determine my qualifications. I understand that this application is not and is not intended to be any kind of contract or agreement. In the event of internship, I understand that any false or misleading information given in my application, correspondence, discussions or interview may result in immediate termination of internship. I understand also, that I am required to abide by all rules, regulations and policies of TMASF Connects.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE:

DATE:

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

(IF UNDER 18):

DATE:

TMA SF Connects 2016 Scholarship Award Completed Application Checklist

Please read these guidelines and follow application link to apply:

All applications with required documentation must be completed and submitted by **April 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM:**

- 1) online at www.sgiz.mobi/s3/TMASF-Scholarship, or
- 2) by downloading the [application](#) and sending via email to staff@tmasfconnects.org with required documentation sent as attachments.

Reminder: Required documentation includes short essay, transcripts, parental consent (if needed), and proof of acceptance into a continuing education or training effort. Actual application provides further detailed information.

Finalists will participate in a brief panel interview with members of TMA SF Connects Board of Directors and Work Committee members before May 1, 2016.

*Congratulations on your decision to continue activities to help prepare for your future.
We appreciate your application for one of our scholarship awards.*