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CHTA EDUCATION FOUNDATION EXTENDS APPLICATION DEADLINE TO APRIL 15 FOR TOURISM & HOSPITALITY SCHOLARSHIPS

THE CARIBBEAN (March 23, 2016) – The Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association Education Foundation (CHTAEF) has extended the application deadline for its scholarship program to 5 p.m. Eastern Caribbean Time on April 15, 2016. Scholarships are designed for Caribbean students and industry professionals pursuing higher education or professional development in the tourism and hospitality field and are awarded with support from CHTAEF sponsors including *Virgin Holidays*, *Interval International*, *Johnson & Wales University* and *Florida International University*.

Applications are available by contacting the local hotel association in the applicant's country or via: http://caribbeanhotelandtourism.com/CHTAEFapplication.php. Applications must be submitted with the approval of the applicant's local hotel association in order to be considered.

Scholarships are awarded for study at any approved college or university including, but not limited to, the University of West Indies and local community colleges throughout the Caribbean.

Reapplying Scholarship Recipients

All students that are continuing their education and already have been approved for a CHTAEF scholarship in 2015 need to provide a copy of their most recent transcripts to verify their academic progress. The transcripts must be copies from the school and can be faxed to (516) 594-4104 or e-mailed to Foundation@CaribbeanHotelandTourism.com. Deadline for reapplications is now also April 15, 2016. For more information call (571) 436-4386.

In 2015, CHTAEF awarded a record number of scholarships to 36 Caribbean-based students for a total of US\$141,800 in funding to enable Caribbean nationals to pursue a higher education in hospitality and tourism fields after receiving 85 applications.

CHTAEF provides academic, professional development, tourism and hospitality teachers, work experience placements and internship awards to Caribbean nationals who demonstrate a strong commitment to the industry. CHTAEF scholarships range, on average, from \$500 - \$5,000 and are exclusively used towards tuition costs.

Contact <u>foundation@caribbeanhotelandtourism.com</u> or call 571-436-4386 for more information.

CHTA Education Foundation

The Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association Education Foundation (CHTAEF) was established in 1987 as a stand-alone (501c3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization, through which scholarships and special assistance would be made available for the education of Caribbean hotel industry personnel and students pursuing careers in hospitality and tourism.

Since 1987, the Education Foundation has awarded more than US\$2 million in scholarships and grants to applicants who demonstrate a strong commitment to the hotel and tourism industry.

For more information, visit <u>www.chtaeducationfoundation.com</u>, call (571) 436-4386 or email foundation@caribbeanhotelandtourism.com.