

JIM REILLY REFORMER HOSPITALITY & TOURISM SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

(Applicants must reside on South or West Side of Chicago or South Suburbs of Chicagoland area.)

ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP

\$5,000 toward college expenses.
Eligible for renewal up to four years total.

BENEFITS

- Exposure to careers in Hospitality & Tourism
- Life Coaching & Mentor
- Paid Internship(s)

REQUIREMENTS

- 500 Word Essay
- Proof of College registration and transcript
- 2 letters of recommendation, 1 from staff or faculty
- Resume



FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL
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SUBMIT BY
March 9, 2026



JIM REILLY REFORMER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Must be a college student attending a college or university locally in Chicago

Program is flexible to accommodate the grantee's expected graduation date, allowing for adjustments to the yearly plan based on the remaining time until graduation.

YEAR 1 ★ 2026-2027

- Assigned Mentor in the field
- Coaching on Life Balance (optional)
- Must complete (5) touchpoints with Mentor

YEAR 2 ★ 2027-2028

- Verify enrollment with schedule of new semester
- Verify completion of semester with transcript
- Join Choose Chicago Student Partner Program
- Must complete (5) touchpoints with Mentor
- Coaching on life balance
- Complete Skill Development Milestones
- Complete (6-8) week Summer paid immersion program in hospitality or tourism.

YEAR 3 ★ 2028-2029

- Verify enrollment with schedule of new semester
- Verify completion of semester with transcript
- Maintain active membership with Choose Chicago Student Partnership Program
- Must complete (5) touchpoints with Mentor
- Coaching on Life Balance
- Complete Skill Development Milestones
- Complete (4) week Spring paid immersion program in hospitality or tourism
- Complete (4) – (6) week Summer paid internship program in hospitality or tourism

YEAR 4 ★ 2029-2030

- Verify enrollment with schedule of new semester
- Verify completion of semester with transcript
- Maintain active membership with Choose Chicago Student Partnership Program
- Must complete (5) touchpoints with Mentor
- Coaching on Life Balance
- Complete Skill Development Milestones
- Complete (32) week paid Fellowship (year long) in hospitality or tourism
- Assistance with job placement upon graduation

****Program subject to change at discretion of Choose Chicago Foundation.**

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