

W. BILL WILLIAMS TRAILBLAZER HOSPITALITY & TOURISM SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

(Applicants must reside on south or west side of Chicago)

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
- Acceptance letter to college and proof of registration
- 3 letters of professional recommendations
- Resume



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March 9, 2026



W. BILL WILLIAMS TRAILBLAZER PROGRAM

Must be a High School Senior that will start college in Fall 2026

YEAR 1 ★ 2026-2027

- Coaching on Life Balance

YEAR 2 ★ 2027-2028

- Assigned Mentor
- Must complete (5) touchpoints with Mentor
- Verify enrollment with schedule of new semester
- Verify completion of semester with transcript
- Join Choose Chicago Student Partner Program

- 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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