



FMI Foundation Scholarship

Please read the following instructions carefully. Compile all required information, including letters of recommendation into one envelope and mail to:

FMI Foundation
Attn: Catherine Polley
Food Marketing Institute
2345 Crystal Drive- Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22202

The FMI Foundation is sponsoring scholarships to students currently enrolled in food and agricultural science majors who have a true interest in the field of accredited food safety auditing. These scholarships are extremely competitive and are based primarily on academic ability; leadership potential; motivation and initiative; along with a passion for the food industry and the auditing profession. We want our scholarship recipients to succeed in accomplishing their goal of working in the field of accredited food safety auditing. Applications are now being accepted for the 2014/2015 academic year.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

AMOUNT

\$3,000 undergraduate / graduate

DURATION

1 year

DEADLINE

August 31, 2014 – 5:00 p.m. ET

REQUIREMENTS

GPA: 3.2 or higher

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Questions:

FMI Foundation

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Eligibility Criteria:

- The student applicant must
 1. be enrolled as a full-time student in a food or agriculture science curriculum in an accredited U.S. college or university
 2. have completed at least two years of college to apply.
 3. have a minimum GPA of 3.2.
 4. be able to attend and participate in the SQF International Conference, October 28 – 30, 2014 in Orlando, Florida.
 1. Conference registration, hotel, meals and round-trip coach airfare will be provided.
 2. Scholarship recipients will participate in a poster presentation about careers in food safety auditing.
 5. be willing to accept an internship with a Certification Body (third-party auditing firm) should the opportunity become available.
- Students having completed an internship in a food or agriculture science degree program preferred.
- Previous FMI Foundation Student Scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply; however, previous applicants are welcome to reapply.
- Family members of the FMI Foundation Board of Directors or Officers are ineligible.

Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. ET on August 31, 2014.

Only complete applications will be reviewed and forwarded to the Scholarship Review Committee for consideration.

Each Student's Application Packet must include:

- Completed application
- Current resume or curriculum vitae.
- A cover letter explaining the student's interest and career goals in accredited food safety auditing that provides specific examples that demonstrate why they are deserving of this scholarship.
- Recommendation letters (see below)
- A letter or transcript from the school verifying the student meets the minimum 3.2 GPA requirement with no individual grade less than a "C-".

Letters of Recommendation

Include recommendation letters in a sealed envelope, signed across the back flap by the recommender, along with your completed application. All recommendation letters must be written specifically for this scholarship. A maximum of two (2) letters of recommendation will be accepted on your behalf. Letters from your faculty advisor and a course instructor in your major field of study are highly recommended.

The following guidelines should be provided to those persons who are writing your letters of recommendation:

- Include the name of the applicant at the top of the letter
- Include your own professional affiliation
- Indicate how long you have known the applicant and in what capacity

What is Accredited Third Party Food Safety Auditing?

Accredited third-party food safety auditing is the process established during the last 13 years on guidance provided by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI). GFSI among other activities is a benchmarking organization whose collaborative approach to food safety brings together international food safety experts from the entire food supply chain. These experts provide a harmonized approach to managing food safety across the food industry.

Organizations, called “scheme holders” such as FMI’s Safe Quality Food Institute (SQFI) achieve recognition through a comprehensive benchmarking process. Recognition, based on new guidance is required every 3 years. An independent committee, including an independent chairman, a retailer, a manufacturer or producer and the GFSI secretariat is convened to conduct a preliminary screening of the application. If the application is accepted, then it will be reviewed in further detail by the Benchmarking Committee. Once the Benchmarking Committee is satisfied that the application meets the requirements of GFSI, the committee will recommend that the GFSI Board either accept, reject or reject until further modifications to the scheme are made. If the GFSI Board grants formal recognition to a scheme, the scheme is deemed to meet all of the requirements in the Guidance document.

Upon formal recognition, a scheme works with independent certifying bodies (CBs) to provide assessments of interested food suppliers, growers and associated companies. The initial “certification process” of an interested supplier or grower generally takes between 1 and 1½ years to complete. Assessments are conducted by well-trained registered auditors who meet the specific requirements of each scheme. Certification is recognized, in general, for a one year period. The facility is required to be reassessed each year to maintain its certification.