

2026 AMERICAN PLACE CASINO SCHOLARSHIP



AMERICAN
PLACE
CASINO

American Place Casino, in partnership with the Chamber, awards scholarships to students who demonstrate positive character, leadership, community involvement, and future aspirations.

OVERVIEW

As part of its ongoing commitment to advancing the hospitality industry, American Place Casino is proud to establish a Hospitality Scholarship Program for adult learners.

One \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to a student who demonstrates academic achievement and a strong commitment to pursuing a career in hospitality. This scholarship is intended to help reduce the financial burden of higher education while supporting the next generation of hospitality professionals.

AWARD AMOUNT

One (1) scholarship in the amount of \$2,500.

QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must:

- Be an adult learner currently enrolled in a 2-year or 4-year degree program
- Be pursuing a hospitality-related field or a complementary area of study that supports careers in the hospitality industry, such as Hospitality Management, Tourism Management, Culinary Arts, Business Administration, Finance, Information Technology, Human Resources, or Marketing.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale
- Submit a completed application, essay, and at least one letter of reference
- Address in the essay both their community service involvement and their interest in pursuing a career in hospitality
- Be available for an interview, if requested
- Be a Chamber member, the child of a Chamber member, or employed by a Chamber member whose membership has been active for at least one year

SELECTION PROCESS

A selection committee made up of American Place Casino staff will review all completed applications. Applicants will be evaluated based on:

- Academic achievement and extracurricular involvement
- Commitment to pursuing a career in hospitality
- The quality, thoughtfulness, and depth of the essay, with particular attention to the applicant's passion for hospitality and community service
- Letter of reference

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications must be submitted by June 18, 2026. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

AWARD NOTIFICATION

The scholarship recipient will be notified by the Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation and will be invited to attend the Chamber's Annual Meeting in October.

CHECKLIST

To be considered for the scholarship, applicants must submit all required materials:

- Completed application form
- Written statement/essay
- At least one letter of reference

2026 AMERICAN PLACE CASINO SCHOLARSHIP



Scholarship package due **Thursday, June 18, 2026**

Scan and email completed package (see checklist) to info@kenoshaareachamber.com

Or drop off Scholarship package to **600 52nd Street, Suite 130, Kenosha, Monday-Friday between 8:00am – 4:30pm**

full name

permanent home address

city

zip

phone number

email address

chamber member name

college attending

intended course of study

Current Associate or Bachelors degrees, if any:

college name

type of degree(s)

additional certifications

I certify that all information given on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

applicant signature

date

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

membership verified by (initials)

interview date and time

date of first notification (initials)

date of final notification (initials)

final determination