

Two new opportunities from the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism (CCT) support the education of Connecticut's future workforce for the travel, tourism, and hospitality industries which is vitally important to maintain their high level of professionalism:

- Connecticut Tourism Industry Scholarships
- CCT Tourism Marketing Fellowship

Connecticut Tourism Industry Scholarships

The Commission is accepting applications for two Connecticut Tourism Industry Scholarship Grants this year. Connecticut residents pursuing a tourism or hospitality degree program will be awarded \$1,000 scholarships in May during National Tourism Week.

The Connecticut Tourism Industry Scholarships are named for two respected tourism leaders and are funded by the generous contributions of the Connecticut tourism industry. The *Richard B. Combs Hospitality Scholarship* and the *Walter Schoenknecht Tourism & Travel Scholarship* are awarded annually on the basis of academic and personal achievement as well as demonstrated interest in the hospitality or tourism industry.

Applications are due by Friday, April 20, 2011. [Click here for an application and more information.](#)

CCT Tourism Marketing Fellowship

The Commission on Culture & Tourism is pleased to offer a part-time Tourism Marketing Fellowship open to college students or graduates with a demonstrated interest in tourism marketing. Current or previously enrolled students in tourism and hospitality degree programs preferred. The fellow will be allowed a \$30,000 annual stipend with a required commitment of 30 hours a week for an equivalent of 50 weeks.

The fellowship is designed to provide on-the-job-training and meaningful learning experiences for qualified individuals aspiring to a career in tourism marketing. Fellows will:

- work closely with the Tourism Division's professional staff;
- meet and interact with a wide variety of tourism constituents and marketing professionals;
- establish contacts at the state, regional, and national levels;
- gain decision-making and technical skills in specific areas of interest;
- develop a broad overview and perspective of the functions of CCT.

Link to [CCT's website](#) for further information regarding responsibilities, eligibility, and how to apply. **Deadline for applying (requires cover letter, current resume, and two letters of recommendation) is April 11, 2011.**

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