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**MCCA HOSPITALITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND ENTERS SECOND YEAR OFFERING  
STATE-WIDE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

*Future Hospitality Workforce Recipients To Benefit From Scholarships Totaling \$10,000*

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA) today announced the MCCA Hospitality Scholarship Fund, which establishes scholarships to boost workforce development in the hospitality industry, enters its second year with an increase in the number of recipients from two to four. Annually, four scholarships of \$2,500 each will be available to Massachusetts students, two from Boston and two from other areas of the state. The scholarships are funded by unanticipated revenue generated from consumer shows, also known as “gate shows,” at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC).

“With the MCCA Hospitality Scholarship Fund’s first year attracting a significant amount of positive feedback from the community as well as the large number of deserving applicants, we felt it was necessary to increase the number of scholarships,” said James E. Rooney, Executive Director of the MCCA. “This scholarship program is designed to provide assistance to current and future students - our future hospitality providers – in the pursuit of their career goals. It is our hope that these scholarships will be an encouragement to those students entering our field.”

The MCCA’s Hospitality Scholarship Fund awards scholarships to Massachusetts high school seniors who are graduating from an accredited high school or college students who are currently enrolled as hospitality industry majors at a two- or four-year accredited higher education institution. Applicants must be residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Application deadline for the 2008 academic year is May 15<sup>th</sup>. To download an application, please visit [www.massconvention.com](http://www.massconvention.com).

All completed Hospitality Scholarship applications, should be submitted directly to:

Dennis Callahan, Esq.  
Community Partnerships & Hospitality Scholarship Fund  
Massachusetts Convention Center Authority  
415 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02210  
(No copies or faxes will be accepted)

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority owns and oversees the operations of the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA and the Boston Common Parking Garage. In fiscal year 2007, the MCCA hosted at the BCEC and the Hynes 265 events with over 772,000 attendees that generated over 580,000 hotel room nights and over \$478 million in economic impact for Greater Boston.