

## Essay Responses for Foundation Scholarship

I am applying for the Foundation Scholarship because I know that the money I could receive could contribute to my success in college. I plan to attend South Seattle College in the fall of 2016, entering third quarter into the Culinary Arts program. While I work towards my Associates of Applied Science Degree in that program, I will simultaneously be taking the classes necessary to earn my Bachelor of Applied Science in Hospitality Management. I hope that after my education, I can own a restaurant and be recognized as a successful chef and business owner. If I receive this award, I intend to use the funds to pay for any lab fees, textbooks, and various other costs that may appear during my education at South Seattle College.

Five years from now, I envision my professional life will look bright. At that point I will have graduated from South Seattle College, and be working towards owning a restaurant that I will run as Head Chef and the main proprietor. Everything that I have gained in experience and education at PSSC in the Culinary Arts program will contribute to this goal, because I already have some of the necessary skills that a successful chef and business owner would need, which I have gained through the two years I have spent in the program.

Throughout my four years in high school, the two years I have spent at PSSC have held the majority of my leadership experience. My first year in the Culinary Arts program, I was class president, and it was my job to work with Chef Blaylock on major decisions for the class, such as agreeing to the funds that were raised for scholarships that year. I was also a lead in three separate rotations in the kitchen, meaning that I spent five weeks working specifically in one station, fine-tuning my skills and working as a leader for my fellow students. This year I have been lucky enough to become Sous Chef, meaning I remain in the same station for a full semester, both first and second semester. This has allowed me to further my skills in a leadership role, as I was in charge of running my station when Chef was not around. Through this program I have also had the privilege of participating in several volunteerism activities, such as the Hospitality House catering event, and our own Friends and Family Dinner.