



## Steven Mungall Legacy 2025 College Scholarship Application

### Introduction:

The Steven Mungall Legacy Scholarship was created in 2025 to honor the lasting impact of Steven Mungall, a dedicated community leader and hospitality professional whose unwavering commitment to Key West has left a profound mark on our island. Steven's passion for the island community and his belief in the power of youth shaped his vision for a brighter future. As a hospitality leader, he understood the importance of nurturing the next generation and ensuring that Key West remained a vibrant and thriving place for years to come.

This scholarship is a tribute to Steven's legacy, dedicated to empowering local youth with the resources and opportunities they need to succeed in their education and beyond. Steven was a beloved individual who left a lasting impression on everyone he encountered. His kindness, dedication, and drive to make a positive impact on the lives of others were qualities that defined his character.

Steven had a passion for learning, a deep commitment to his community, and an unwavering belief in the potential of others. He touched the lives of so many through his acts of service, his infectious enthusiasm, and his ability to always encourage those around him to pursue their dreams. The Steven Mungall Legacy Scholarship aims to continue this legacy by supporting students who embody the values that Steven so deeply cherished—kindness, perseverance, integrity, and to create a sense of family within the community. This included large dinners open to all, old school book clubs for staff learning, and always helping those that needed it the most.

This scholarship is designed to honor someone who truly reflects Steven's values - someone with both character and initiative, even if they may not have had the same opportunities as others. Steven wanted to ensure that the scholarship goes to a student who is not only academically capable but also deeply committed to making a positive impact in their community. The recipient will be someone who embodies the spirit of Steven, striving to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Steven would have wanted all collegiate hospitality seeking students to apply. One of Steven's favorite pastimes would be large friend and family get-togethers for dinners. **Applicants should include in their application a paragraph on each of the following hypothetical situations. 1) What they would serve at a family dinner and why. 2) Who would they invite from their family, friends, and community and why. 3) What book would you talk about at the family dinner and its importance?**

The Lodging Association will award this **\$5,000** scholarship to a qualified senior graduating from one of the Florida Keys high schools only when there is a highly qualified applicant. Preference may be given to students with a focus on hospitality. The scholarship will be paid to the student upon submitting proof of enrollment in an accredited college or university.

### Applicants for the scholarship shall submit the following:

1. Fully completed application form.
2. Letter of recommendation from one or more of the applicant's teachers.
3. Letter of recommendation from one or more employer or other nonrelated local resident.
4. High School or FKCC transcript showing cumulative GPA
5. A 500-750 word essay on what type of education the applicant is pursuing and why.

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  - 1) What they would serve at a family dinner and why.
  - 2) Who would they invite from their family, friends, and community and why.
  - 3) What book would you talk about at the family dinner and its importance?
7. An acceptance letter from your intended school of enrollment.

Applications missing any required documentation will not be considered.

Applications must be filled out completely for consideration.

Please submit your typed application by email along with all required paperwork by the due date.

Applications must be received by **May 7, 2025** - Late applications will not be considered.

*(A personal interview may be required.)*

**Eligibility Requirements:** To be considered for the Steven Mungall Legacy Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. **Residency:** Applicant must be a permanent resident of the Florida Keys.
2. **Education:** Applicant must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate or graduate program at an accredited institution for the upcoming academic year.
3. **Field of Study:** Preference will be given to students pursuing a degree in hospitality, tourism, business, or related fields, however this is not mandatory.
4. **Academic Performance:** Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
5. **Community Involvement:** Applicant must demonstrate a history of community service or leadership roles.
6. **Essays & Recommendations:** Applicants must submit a written personal statement and at least two letters of recommendation as detailed above.

**Application Instructions:** Please carefully review and follow the instructions below to complete your application.

1. **Personal Information**

- Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
- Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_
- Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Academic Information**

- Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_
- Intended Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_
- Name of College/University: \_\_\_\_\_
- College/University Address: \_\_\_\_\_
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3. **Community Service & Leadership Experience**

- Please list any volunteer or leadership activities you have been involved in (include organization, role, and duration):

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4. **Personal Statement (500-750 words)**

Write a personal statement that addresses the following questions:

- What type of education and career are you pursuing and why?
- What goals do you hope to achieve in your education and career?
- How have your experiences and values shaped who you are today?
- What do you plan to contribute to the hospitality and tourism industry of the Florida Keys in the future?

5. **Letter(s) of Recommendation**

Please submit at least two letters of recommendation; one from a teacher or mentor at school and one from a nonrelated employer or community leader who can speak to your character, academic performance, and leadership potential. The letter should be sent directly to the scholarship committee by the recommender.

6. **Transcripts**

Please submit an official high school or college transcript with your application.

7. **Submission**

All applications and supporting materials must be submitted by **May 7, 2025**.

### Scholarship Award Details

- Amount: **\$5,000**
- Number of Awards: 1 – award is not given each year, but only when there is an exceptional applicant
- Award Notification: Applicants will be notified by their high school’s award night.
- The scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient’s institution to cover tuition and related academic expenses.

### Additional Information

- Scholarships are non-renewable.
- The decision of the selection committee is final.
- The Lodging Association of the Florida Keys reserves the right to adjust the award amounts or number of recipients based on the applications received.

### Certification & Agreement

I certify that all information provided in this application is complete and accurate. I understand that providing false information may result in disqualification from consideration. I also agree that if awarded a scholarship, I will allow the Lodging Association of the Florida Keys & Key West to use my name and photograph for promotional purposes.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Completed Applications to: [ExecutiveOffice@keyslodging.org](mailto:ExecutiveOffice@keyslodging.org)**