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**The Toronto Region of the Ontario Restaurant Hotel & Motel Association (ORHMA)  
helps local culinary students take a bite out of the cost of tuition**

**Toronto, ON:** March 1, 2008– The Toronto Regional Board of the Ontario Restaurant Hotel and Motel Association (ORHMA) has launched a new industry Scholarship program that will help fund graduating high school students who choose to enter the fields of Culinary Management or Food and Beverage Management in Ontario community colleges or universities. The average cost of tuition for students in these programs is approximately \$3,000 per year not including uniforms, tools, books and other supplies. The ORHMA recognizes these rising costs and will be implementing two (2) \$3,000 scholarships over a 2 year period (\$1500 per year) based on approved criteria in the culinary and food and beverage streams of studies. One scholarship will be awarded for culinary studies (back of the house), and the other for foodservice management (front of the house).

Chef Mark McEwan from Food Network's 'The Heat' said, "I have watched many young culinary students struggle under the load of tuition fees. Financial assistance at a crucial moment can create tremendous opportunity and future guidance." The Toronto Region of the ORHMA hopes that this program will help kick start long and prosperous hospitality careers in the GTA.

"What's unique about this program is that it is only open to GTA students" says Jason Cheskes, President of the Toronto Region of the ORHMA. The scholarships are available to students in the following areas: Toronto, Durham, Peel, York, Halton and Hamilton. "The likelihood of graduates returning to the GTA after completing their studies is very high. In addition to supporting young students, the ORHMA acknowledges that this is a great way to give back to the industry."

Starting March 1, 2008 students can apply for this scholarship online through the ORHMA website [www.orphma.com/scholarships](http://www.orphma.com/scholarships).

The Ontario Restaurant Hotel & Motel Association (ORHMA) is the largest provincial hospitality Association in Canada. With over 4,000 members, representing more than 11,000 establishments across the province, the ORHMA is uniquely positioned to represent the issues that most impact your business. ORHMA represents the industry's interests at both the Provincial and Municipal levels of government. The Association's dedicated and professional Membership Team provides ORHMA members with meaningful cost-saving programs and unique educational services. These resourceful programs not only improve the bottom line for our members, but also enhance their operating standards. For more information about ORHMA visit [www.orphma.com](http://www.orphma.com)

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