

## 2026 Scholarship Information

Applications are open January 12, 2026 - March 2, 2026.

This document includes application links, eligibility rules, and a summary of scholarships for undergraduates and graduates, showing how many there are and their amounts.

For application assistance, email [ContactUs@applyISTS.com](mailto:ContactUs@applyISTS.com) or use the green help widget to chat with an agent during business hours on ISTS's website.

For assistance with the PepsiCo and IFT Academic and FIRST Travel Undergraduate Hybrid Scholarship, email [feedingtomorrow@ift.org](mailto:feedingtomorrow@ift.org).

### Application Links

[Click here to apply for First-Year Academic Scholarships](#)

Program key: IFTF

[Click here to apply for Undergraduate Academic Scholarships](#)

Program key: IFT

[Click here to apply for the PepsiCo and IFT Academic and Travel Undergraduate Hybrid Scholarship](#)

No program key required

[Click here to apply for Graduate Academic Scholarships, including the Dr. Elwood F. Caldwell Graduate Fellowship](#)

Caldwell program key: Caldwell

Graduate program key: IFT

[Click here to apply for Undergraduate and Graduate IFT FIRST Travel Scholarships](#)

Program key: IFTTravel

### Criteria and Eligibility

#### First-Year Academic Scholarships

- Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent).

- Applicants must plan to enroll as a full-time first-year student pursuing an undergraduate degree in the science of food at a U.S. or international institution for the 2026-2027 academic year.

### **Undergraduate Academic Scholarships**

- Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent).
- Applicants must plan to enroll full-time or part-time as a rising sophomore, junior, or senior student pursuing an undergraduate degree in the science of food at a U.S. or international institution for the 2026-2027 academic year.
- Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to the science of food, such as, but not limited to, [IFT Student Membership](#).
- Specific scholarships may have other eligibility based on focus or topic area.
- With the exception of Feeding Tomorrow Gateway Scholarships, applicants must be enrolled in an [IFT-HERB Approved Undergraduate Program](#).

### **PepsiCo and IFT Academic and FIRST Travel Undergraduate Hybrid Scholarship**

- Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent).
- Applicants must plan to enroll full-time or part-time as a rising sophomore, junior, or senior student pursuing an undergraduate degree in the science of food at a U.S. or international institution for the 2026-2027 academic year.
- Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to the science of food, such as, but not limited to, [IFT Student Membership](#).
- Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent).
- Applicants must plan to enroll full-time or part-time as an MS or PhD student pursuing a degree in the science of food at an accredited or bona fide college or university for the 2026-2027 academic year. Colleges/universities outside the U.S. are considered bona fide if they have a student population, a defined curriculum, faculty, and campus.
- Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to the science of food, such as, but not limited to, [IFT Student Membership](#).
- Specific scholarships may have other eligibility based on focus or topic area.

### **IFT FIRST Travel Scholarships**

IFT FIRST stands for Food Improved by Research, Science, and Technology. Taking place in Chicago, IL, from July 12-15, 2026, IFT FIRST brings together global experts to explore how science and innovation are transforming food systems. Through presentations, panels, and networking, you'll learn about the latest trends, breakthroughs, and challenges shaping the future of food. For students, IFT FIRST is the premier opportunity to jumpstart your career.

- Travel stipends are open to all students, regardless of membership status.
- Applicants must be graduate or undergraduate students pursuing a degree in food science or a related field. Certain scholarships may have specific eligibility as determined by the sponsor.
- Applicants must not receive funding from another source.
- Recipients will need to submit a written testimonial regarding their experience at IFT FIRST and a thank-you note to the sponsor.
- Recipients will be required to submit a W-9 form for a U.S. domestic student and a W8BEN for students located outside of the U.S.

### **Dr. Elwood F. Caldwell Graduate Fellowship**

A dedicated member of IFT, Dr. Elwood F. Caldwell was a strong advocate for the mission of IFT's Feeding Tomorrow Fund. He deeply believed in its valuable role in supporting students in the field of food sciences, and he committed to endorsing a full graduate fellowship in its honor. This fellowship aims to commemorate his legacy by providing a stipend to a graduate student conducting research in food science and technology.

- Fellowship is available to both international and U.S. domestic students who are currently enrolled in a graduate degree program at an accredited institution.
- The candidate must be pursuing a graduate degree in food science and technology.
- The candidate's research must focus on addressing the future needs and challenges of the global food system.
- The candidate must be a full-time student in the second year of their master's or PhD program.
- The fellowship is for 12 months.
- The recipient will be designated as an Elwood Caldwell Fellow.
- The fellowship provides a stipend but does not cover fringe benefits, tuition waivers, or additional expenses. Payments will be made in two installments through the department or institution.

- If a student terminates their studies during the fellowship year, the remaining fellowship funds must be returned to Feeding Tomorrow.
- Fellowships are non-deferrable. The award will be revoked if the recipient engages in misconduct related to the Fund, breaches fellowship terms, or provides false information to the Fund.

## Scholarship Details

### Undergraduate Academic Scholarship Details

Scholarship Name	Award Amount(s)	Number of Awards
Barbara B. Keenan Scholarship	\$1,500	1
Edlong Undergraduate Academic Scholarship	\$2,000	1
Evan Turek Scholarship	\$1,500	2
Feeding Tomorrow Financial Need Undergraduate Scholarships	\$3,000	5
Feeding Tomorrow General First Year Scholarships	\$2,000	4
Feeding Tomorrow General International Scholarships	\$2,000	4
Feeding Tomorrow General Transfer Community College Scholarships	\$2,000	4
Feeding Tomorrow General Undergraduate Awards	\$2,000 (9 awards) / \$5,000 (1 award)	10
Food Engineering Division Scholarship	\$3,000	1
Gateway Scholarship (Non-HERB)	\$2,000	10
Gordon F. Kunz Scholarship	\$5,000	5
Hollingsworth Student Leadership Scholarship	\$1,500	1
McCormick Scholarship	\$2,000	1

Scholarship Name	Award Amount(s)	Number of Awards
Sensory & Consumer Sciences Division Scholarship	\$2,000	1
IFT & PepsiCo Hybrid Academic and IFT FIRST Travel Scholarship	\$6,000	1

### Undergraduate Travel Scholarship Details

Scholarship Name	Award Amount	Number of Awards
Feeding Tomorrow Travel Undergraduate	\$1,500	10
Food Laws & Regulations Division Scholarships	\$1,300	2
IFT Student Association Travel Undergraduate	\$1,500	1

### Graduate Academic Scholarship Details

Scholarship Name	Award Amount(s)	Number of Awards
Arthur Schramm Scholarship	\$2,000	1
Dr. Richard L. Hall Scholarship in Flavor Science	\$2,000	2
Elong Graduate Academic Scholarship	\$2,500	1
Feeding Tomorrow General Graduate Financial Need Scholarships	\$4,000	5
Feeding Tomorrow General Graduate Scholarships	\$2,000 (9 awards) / \$3,000 (1 award)	10
Gerber Foundation Pediatric Scholarship	\$3,000	2
John Powers Scholarship	\$2,000	1
Mike Jimenez Scholarship	\$1,500	1

Scholarship Name	Award Amount(s)	Number of Awards
Sensory & Consumer Sciences Division Scholarship	\$4,000 (1 award) / \$5,000 (1 award)	2

### Fellowships

Fellowship Name	Award Amount	Number of Awards
Caldwell Fellowship	\$25,000	1

### Graduate Travel Scholarship Details

Scholarship Name	Award Amount	Number of Awards
Feeding Tomorrow Travel Graduate	\$1,500	12
IFT Student Association Travel Graduate	\$1,500	1
International Division Travel Endowment	\$1,500	1
Nutraceutical & Functional Foods Division Scholarship	\$1,500	2
Pepsi Gateway	\$6,000	1
Ruth Patrick Travel Grant	\$1,500	1
Sensory & Consumer Sciences Division Travel Scholarship	\$1,000	4