2023-2024 MINNESOTA SECTION IFT

Undergraduate and Graduate Student Scholarship Award, Travel Award, Dr. Dash Scholarship Award for Academic Excellence, Dr. Dash Research Scholarship Award in the Area of Gut Health & Caldwell Scholarship Award for Volunteer Service Application Form

**Applications are due by end of day on Thursday, February 29, 2024**. Scholarships are awarded in the 2023-2024 school year, so please base the application on your *current* academic classification. MN IFT Scholarship recipients must be MN IFT student members attending one of the following schools:

* Minnesota State – Mankato
* North Dakota State University
* South Dakota State University
* University of Minnesota
* University of Wisconsin-River Falls
* University of Wisconsin-Stout

To become a MN IFT member, please visit**:** [**http://www.mnift.org/membership/**](http://www.mnift.org/membership/)**.**

**There are 3 - 4 requirements for this application to be complete:**

PART 1: ALL APPLICANTS

PART 2: TRAVEL AWARD TO 2024 IFT CONFERENCE AND/OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES APPLICANTS ONLY

PART 3: ALL APPLICANTS: Electronic or paper recommendation OR Caldwell nomination letter

PART 4: GRADUATE STUDENTS ONLY: 1-page research summary/outline

PART 5: CALDWELL APPLICANTS ONLY: Summary of volunteer service and leadership

**Questions and Recommendations/Nomination Letters must be submitted via e-mail to:**

Anuradha Vegi, MN IFT Scholarship Committee Chair, Anuradha.Vegi@ndsu.edu

**This Application must be submitted online at** [**http://www.mnift.org/awards/mn-ift-scholarships/**](http://www.mnift.org/awards/mn-ift-scholarships/)**.**

**PART 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS**

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| **Name**: |  |
| **Department or Home Address**:  |  |
| **E-mail Address**:  |  |
| **Phone**: |  |
| **University**:  |  |
| **Major**: |  |
| **Advisor**: |  |
| **Current academic classification:** (degree in progress) |  |
| **Current Overall GPA:** (on 4.0 scale)  |  |
| **GPA Within Major:** (on 4.0 scale)  |  |
| **Date of Entrance**: |  |
| **Anticipated** **Date of Completion**: |  |
|  **IFT Membership Start Date (Please, also indicate if you are a current member)**: |  |
|  **MNIFT Membership Start Date (Please, also indicate if you are a current member)**: |  |

 Undergraduate (You can check/select the correct option):

 Freshman☐ Sophomore☐

 Junior☐ Senior☐

 Graduate:

MS☐ PhD☐

Degree, Major, and School where you received your undergraduate degree(s):

**Please indicate awards in which you are applying.** (check/select all that apply):

*Note: you can apply for travel and/or graduate/undergraduate scholarships and/or Dr. Dash Awards and/or Caldwell Award.*

 MN IFT Travel Scholarship ☐

 Undergraduate Scholarship ☐

 Graduate Scholarship ☐

 Dr. Dash Scholarship Award for Academic Excellence (open to all undergraduate and graduate students of Food Science and related fields) ☐

 Dr. Dash Research Scholarship Award in the Area of Gut Health ☐

 Caldwell Volunteer Scholarship Award ☐

**IFT Membership** (check/select all that apply; to be eligible for MNIFT student scholarships, student needs to be a current member of both National IFT and MNIFT section):

National IFT ☐

Minnesota Section ☐

Great Plains Subsection ☐

Food Science Club ☐

 Other (specify)

**Please note which conferences (if any) you are planning to attend:**

2024 National IFT Meeting & Expo ☐

Other conference ☐

 Please list other conferences:

**National IFT activities in which you are an active participant.** (check all that apply):

Paper Presentation ☐

Title of paper:

 List authors on paper:

Poster Presentation ☐

 Title of presentation:

 List authors on presentation:

Product Development Team Captain (any competition) ☐

IFTSA New Product Development Team Member ☐

Developing Solutions for Developing Countries Product Development Team Member ☐

Disney Product Development Team Member ☐

Heart Healthy Product Development Team Member ☐

IFTSA Committee Chair, Officer or Member ☐

Other Committee Chair or Member ☐

College Bowl Team Captain ☐

College Bowl Team Member ☐

Expo booth attendant ☐

Session monitor/organizer ☐

 Other (please specify):

**Please list academic accomplishments in your current degree program (Undergraduate, MS, or PhD) or completed in the past 2 years.** Include Dean’s List (semester and year/s), GPA, course work and any other relevant content. (Please use bullet point format)

* Undergraduate Student Academic Accomplishments:
* M.S. Student Academic Accomplishments:
* Ph.D. Student Academic Accomplishments:
* Academic Accomplishments in the Past Two years:
* Other (please specify):

**Please list research accomplishments in your current degree program (Undergraduate, MS, or PhD) or completed in the past 2 years. I**nclude dates and locationshighlighting papers, research, poster sessions, professional presentations, publications and any other relevant content. (Please use bullet point format)

* Undergraduate Student Research Accomplishments:
* M.S. Student Research Accomplishments:
* Ph.D. Student Research Accomplishments:
* Research Accomplishments in the Past Two years:
* Gut Health Research Accomplishments (to be considered for Dash Gut Health Research award):
* Other (please specify):

**Please list honors and awards with dates.** (Please use bullet point format)

**Please list all extracurricular activities, membership and/or leadership roles while in current degree program.** Please include applicable work/internship and teaching experience; organization participation, volunteering and/or leadership at IFT, IFTSA, MN IFT, Great Plains Subsection, Food Science Club chapter or other relevant organizations. All information should include dates. (Please use bullet point format)

**How did you become interested in Food Science? What role has IFT played in your experience and how has this shaped your career goals?**

**If you received IFT scholarship/travel award in the past, how did you benefit from it academically/professionally? What was your research/academic progress since you last received the award?**

**PART 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY TRAVEL AWARD APPLICANTS ONLY**

**Why are you interested in attending the 2024 National IFT Meeting and Food Expo or any other national/international meetings/conferences? Are you planning to present research or participate in other activities?**

**PART 3: TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS:**

**Letters of Recommendation or Caldwell Nomination:**

**Recommendation letters must be *received* by the scholarship application due date.**

*If you are applying for multiple awards, you only need to submit one letter of recommendation / nomination but please note the different information requested for the different scholarships below.*

**Please list name of recommender:**

**MN IFT Scholarship and/or Travel Award Recommendation Letter**

The letter should include essential facts regarding your scholastic record, character, and extracurricular activities. The person writing the recommendation should state how they came to know you and your academic abilities. The recommendation letter should be sent directly to the Scholarship Chair by the recommender.

**Caldwell Nomination Letter**

One (or more) nomination letter(s) must be submitted to complete the Caldwell scholarship application. The nomination should be written by a peer, professor, industry professional or other person familiar with the character and volunteer service exhibited by the nominee. The nomination should be sent directly to the Scholarship Chair by the nominator. ***The nomination should highlight the nominee’s volunteer service and leadership activities. This nomination is the most important part of the Caldwell scholarship application evaluation. Please note, if you received Caldwell award in the past, you are not eligible to apply again.***

**PART 4: TO BE COMPLETED BY GRADUATE STUDENTS ONLY**

**Please include a 1-Page Research Outline:**

Please attach an outline of your proposed or undertaken field of research. Briefly describe your research and provide a summary of the progress or outcomes of your work to date.

**PART 5: TO BE COMPLETED BY CALDWELL APPLICANTS ONLY**

The MN Section of the IFT sponsors the Elwood Caldwell scholarship to recognize, encourage and reward ***volunteer service*** by students. The scholarship is given in recognition of University of Minnesota Professor Emeritus Elwood Caldwell for his many years of service to the Section. It is the premier scholarship for students in the MN IFT section.The Caldwell recipient must be a student member of the MN IFT. Additionally, the student musthave demonstrated:

1) Commitment to the MN IFT Section by his/her volunteer service AND / OR

2) Commitment to the betterment of the community in which he/she lives.

Please note: Leadership roles in volunteer activities are especially valued. Academic excellence is also encouraged, but shall not be used as a sole criterion in distinguishing among nominees.

**Please list below and describe all volunteer and leadership activities in which you are involved:**