



The John C. Bladt, CCM CMAA World Conference Scholarship

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John C. Bladt, CCM was born in Denmark in 1936. He did an apprenticeship at the Restaurant Wivex in Copenhagen, while attending the Hotel and Restaurant School in that same city. He furthered his education at the Plaza Athenee Hotel in Paris and the Claridge Hotel in London, before coming to the United States in 1961. His first position in the United States was at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

In 1962, John began the first of two positions at Montauk Point on Long Island, serving as Food & Beverage Manager at the Montauk Manor Hotel & Yacht Club from 1962 to 1964. He later returned to Montauk in 1970, to serve six years as General Manager at the Montauk Golf & Racket Club. In the interim, he moved to Florida to become the Food & Beverage Manager at the Colonnades Beach Hotel in Palm Beach Shores. John became a member of CMAA in 1972.

In 1975, John accepted the position the position as General Manager at the Rolling Hills Country Club in Wilton, Connecticut. During his tenure in Connecticut, which lasted through 1990, John was the initiator of the Connecticut Club Managers' Charity Foundation in 1986. While at Rolling Hills, John was Membership Chairman, Vice President and eventually President (1986-1987) of the Connecticut Chapter. John received his CCM designation in 1988, and was a recipient of the Region I Club Manager of the Year Award in 1989. John also served as President of the Region I-II-III Alliance 1989-1990 and is a past Board Member of the New York State Club Association.

John Bladt was named General Manager of The Blind Brook Club in January of 1991 and retired in 2017. While in the Metropolitan chapter he was inducted into the Hall of Fame, served on the Board of Directors and ultimately became its President for two terms. During his tenure on the Board, he initiated the efforts of organizing the Metropolitan Club Foundation, with the original goal of establishing an endowment fund of one-half million dollars. He served as the Foundation's first Chairman, during 1996-1997 and was a driving force in starting the annual MCF Vendor Show, the profits from which are the major contributor to the Metropolitan Club Foundation. He has always been actively involved in charities for both the Connecticut Club Managers Association and the Metropolitan Club Managers Association and helped secure annual donations from Rolex and the Pepsi Bottling Company.

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The Metropolitan Club Foundation established *The John C. Bladt, CCM CMAA World Conference Scholarship* in 2017 to honor MCMA member John C. Bladt, CCM. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide an opportunity for Professional members of the Metropolitan Chapter of the Club Managers Association of America to attend CMAA's 2019 World Conference, when they would not otherwise be able to attend due to limited club resources.

WORLD CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is based on need and open to Professional members of MCMA.

Scholarship recipients will need to provide receipts, as well as their credit history showing a minimum of 20 education credits earned from World Conference to be reimbursed to their Club after the event. The Association Activity credits awarded for Conference registration do not apply towards the minimum credit requirement. Reimbursements will only be made to clubs and scholarship amounts will vary.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR APPLICATION

1. A current resume that lists work experience and educational background.
2. A letter of support from your General Manager. General Managers applying should submit a letter from their club president or owner.
3. Each applicant is required to provide the committee with an essay explaining their need for financial assistance to attend World Conference and how they hope to benefit from the experience. The questions below are intended to guide the applicant in the writing of their essay. You are not expected to answer every question in your essay, however you are expected to provide the committee with a sense of what you hope to achieve in Nashville and explain who from your club attends, whether or not you've attended before and what value you hope to gain from the experience.

The essay should be approximately 500 words. Please include your name on the heading of your essay.

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY GUIDELINES

1. What are the reasons you wish to attend World Conference? How do you think this experience can benefit you and your club? What value do you hope to gain from your attendance?
2. In the past year what MCMA and CMAA activities, social or educational have you participated in?
3. What community activities are/have you been an active participant in?
4. Have you been to World Conference before? If so, when did you last attend and how many have you attended in total? What was your experience at previous World Conferences like?

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Essay, letter of recommendation and resume should be scanned and sent as one attachment to info@metcf.org no later Monday, December 31st.

The chosen recipients will be informed directly.