

2025 LACA bursary scheme for industry rising stars

The LACA board are delighted to announce that they have continued with an annual £6,000 bursary to be used to fund attendance at their annual Main Event for up and coming talent across the UK. The criteria is below and it is expected that each region will nominate people that they have identified as having huge potential to both develop and benefit the school food service in the long run.

The nominee must not have attended LACA previously as a delegate, though they may have as a visitor, award nominee or competitor.

Bursary criteria:

- Rising star nomination to come from the regional chair after consultation with regional committees and members
- In no more than 100 words the nominator must explain why they have nominated the nominee
- Applications to be received no later than 23rd May 2025
- Invitations/successful nominations will be notified w/c 2nd June 2025
- Nominations must be received by member organisations or individuals, ie individual or corporate membership
- Successful nominees will be entitled to a 2 night Main Event package
- Travel costs will be covered up to a maximum of £100
- The successful nominees will also be linked up to a regional/Board mentor who will 'buddy' them around the event

Package details:

Successful nominees will get a full 2 day delegate package to the Main Event from July 8th – 9th 2025 at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole. The package includes:

- 2 night stay in a single room at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole (nights of 8th & 9th July 2025)
- Breakfast and lunch provided
- Invitation to the pre-conference dinner (8th July 2025)
- Invitation to the gala awards dinner (9th July 2025) note this is black tie
- Invitation to the chairs VIP drink reception before the gala awards dinner
- Access to all areas of the Main Event including the conference area and the School Food Show
- Travel costs of up to £100.

For more information on the Main Event visit – www.lacamainevent.co.uk

To nominate, visit <u>www.lacamainevent.co.uk/bursary</u>

Any nominations will be forwarded to the relevant regional chair for shortlisting before being submitted to the LACA board for final judging and selection.