**Regency Hotel Management Scholarship Program at South Dakota State University**

**Hospitality Management Program**

**Strategic Partnership with Regency Hotel Management**

**Department of Consumer Sciences**

Regency Hotel Management is a premiere regional management company in the hospitality industry and owns or manages a wide range of hotels, resorts, parks and restaurants through their affiliate, WR Restaurants Management, L.L.C. A tremendous variety of opportunities may be provided to students and future graduates by this well-run organization.

The core structure of this strategic partnership will begin with collaboration and support of the internship/practicum program within the department. In addition to providing internship/practicum and student development opportunities, Regency Hotel Management has graciously offered their financial support to fund up to five $1000 annual Hospitality Management Scholarships to winning applicants.

Above and beyond the Jack Rabbit Guarantee or other scholarships, the agreement provides these scholarships to Hospitality Management Majors taking HMGT 295 or HMGT 495 during the upcoming semester and will be awarded by the department.

The following scholarship application guidelines will apply:

1. Submit the complete scholarship application packet to Dr. Eric Beckman, Hospitality Management Faculty by April 5.
2. Be a Hospitality Management Major in good academic standing.
3. Register for HMGT 295 or HMGT 495 during the next summer semester. Scholarships will only be awarded to appropriately registered winners consistent with normal financial aid/scholarship disbursement.
4. Include an informal transcript including your cumulative GPA at SDSU.
5. Include two letters of recommendation.
6. Write an essay outlining your academic, work, and volunteer experiences that would prepare your for a career in the hospitality industry. State your career goals and include a paragraph explaining what type of internship/practicum experience you would like to achieve within the Regency Hotel Management ([www.regency-mgmt.com](http://www.regency-mgmt.com)) organization and why. Most internship/practicum opportunities will be at properties in Sioux Falls, Watertown, Custer State Park, Alexandria, or Minneapolis.
7. Fortunate winners of this scholarship may also be extended an offer of an internship/practicum with Regency Hotel Management. These offers would represent tremendous opportunities for the students. Students are also encouraged to explore and arrange traditional work, as desired, to fulfill summer earning goals and gain additional industry experience to be performed after the completion of their formal internship/practicum.

**Recipients must attend the College of Education & Human Sciences Celebration of Excellence on Saturday, September 12, 2015, to receive a scholarship.**