The NRF Foundation Rising Stars Scholarship (“Scholarship”) is subject to all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances. Scholarship period begins at 8:00 AM Eastern Time (“ET”) on November 1, 2016 and ends 11:59 PM ET on January 20, 2017 (the “Scholarship Period”). Void outside the fifty (50) United States and the District of Columbia and where prohibited by law.

This Scholarship is sponsored by NRF Foundation located at 1101 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 1200, Washington D.C. 20005 (“Organizer”), the education and charitable affiliate of National Retail Federation.

ELIGIBILITY: The Scholarship is open only to those for whom the following applies for the Scholarship Period:

1. A legal U.S. resident;
2. Currently residing in one of the fifty (50) United States or the District of Columbia;
3. At least eighteen (18) years of age or older (nineteen (19) years in Alabama, Delaware and Nebraska; twenty-one (21) years in Mississippi), or for those younger with consent of parent or legal guardian;
4. Enrolled as a full-time freshman or sophomore student at one of the current National Retail Federation university member schools listed on the following link: http://www.nrf.com/who-we-are/nrf-foundation/university-members (“University Member(s)’’);
5. Pursuing a major relevant to retail; and
6. Never before attended a NRF Annual Convention Student Program.

Employees, officers and directors of NRF Foundation or its parent, affiliates, representatives, consultants, contractors, legal counsel, and members of their immediate families (spouses, parents, siblings and children, regardless of where they live) and those living in the same household are not eligible to participate on the Scholarship. Organizer reserves the right to verify the eligibility of Scholarship entrant. Participation constitutes advisor and student’s full and unconditional agreement to these Official Rules and to Organizer’s decisions, which are final and binding in all matters related to the Scholarship.

TO NOMINATE: From 8:00 AM ET on November 1, 2016 until 11:59 PM ET on December 16, 2016 (“Nomination Period”), the NRF Student Association advisor for the University Member nominates one student in the Scholarship by submitting the name of the student, some basic information on the student, and an authorization signed by the advisor and student (and in limited cases a parent or guardian) through the website located at http://nrfscholars.communityforce.com during the Nomination Period. Only one student per University Member may be nominated.

SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:
Organizer will select the one student nominated from each University Member to receive one scholarship. Awarding of a scholarship is contingent upon the submission fulfilling all of the eligibility requirements, verification of the information furnished on the submission, and compliance with all applicable laws and the Official Rules.

Except where prohibited, each selected Scholarship recipient may be required to complete and return an affidavit of eligibility and liability/publicity release (the “Affidavit/Release”) prior to receipt of any Scholarship funds. Noncompliance with or failure to abide by these Official Rules and applicable laws may result in disqualification and either the refusal or revocation of Scholarship funds.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: For each student selected to receive a scholarship, the corresponding University Member will receive Scholarship amounts of $1,500.00 USD for the student. Scholarship funds must be used to
defray the student’s costs of attending the 2017 NRF Annual Convention & Expo Student Program including, but not limited to student’s travel, hotel, registration fees, and related expenses. Should the student not register for and attend the 2017 NRF Annual Convention and Expo, the University Member is responsible for refunding the full amount of the Scholarship to NRF Foundation no later than February 20, 2017. After the student’s 2017 NRF Annual Convention and Expo registration, travel and related expenses have been paid, any remaining Scholarship funds may be used by the University Member to help pay expenses (e.g. registration, travel, housing) for other University Member students and educators to attend the 2017 NRF Annual Convention and Expo, other National Retail Federation conferences, or NRF Foundation and National Retail Federation education programs that benefit the retail industry.

SCHOLARSHIP RESTRICTIONS: Any travel expenses that exceed any Scholarship amounts shall be the sole responsibility of each student. Scholarships cannot be substituted, assigned, or transferred; however, Organizer reserves the right to make substitutions at its sole discretion. Only the number of scholarships stated in these Official Rules is available.

In the event any Scholarship recipient(s) engage(s) in behavior during travel that (as determined by Organizer in its sole discretion) is obnoxious or threatening, illegal, or that is intended to threaten or harass any other person, or that in any way disparages or adversely affects the reputation, image, and/or goodwill of Organizer or any of Organizer’s services, trademarks, service marks, or logos, Organizer reserves the right to terminate the travel early and send student(s) away with no further obligations or compensation whatsoever to student(s) (which may, in Organizer’s sole discretion, result in such disqualification from the Scholarship and forfeiture of any scholarship(s)). ORGANIZER SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR OTHER DAMAGES OR EXPENSES RESULTING FROM OR ARISING OUT OF ANY TRAVEL RELATED TO THE SCHOLARSHIP, NRF FOUNDATION EVENTS, NATIONAL RETAIL FEDERATION EVENTS, OR ANY OTHER ASPECT OF ANY STUDENT’S ACCEPTANCE OR USE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS.

CONTACT: Forward questions related to the submission process to scholarships@nrf.com.

MISCELLANEOUS: Organizer shall not be liable for technical, pictorial, typographical or editorial errors or omissions contained herein. Headings used in these Official Rules are for convenience only and shall not be included in any interpretation thereof. Organizer may amend these Official Rules as it deems necessary. The rights and obligations under these Official Rules that by their nature or implication continue beyond the Scholarship Period shall survive it.

By participating in the Scholarship, each University Member, advisor and student agrees to abide by all applicable laws and these Official Rules. All federal, state and local laws apply. Void where prohibited by law and outside the United States. Entries that do not comply with the Official Rules shall be subject to disqualification without notice, and NRF Foundation reserves the right to make substitutions for any disqualified application. NRF Foundation reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to disqualify, to prosecute, and/or to seek damages from any individual or entity undermining or tampering or attempting to undermine or tamper with the nomination process or the legitimate operation of this Sponsorship program; violating the Rules or applicable laws; or acting in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner or with the intent to annoy, abuse, threaten, or harass any other person.

Each University Member, student and advisor, not NRF Foundation or any of its affiliates, is responsible for any and all costs that may be associated with participating in the Scholarship program or the receipt of Scholarship amounts. NRF Foundation and its affiliates and their directors and employees are not responsible for: (1) late, lost, incomplete, damaged, or misdirected entries; (2) lost, misdirected or stolen Scholarship amounts regardless of the cause or reason; (3) acts or omissions of University Members and their employees; (4) any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by printing errors or by any of the equipment or programming associated
with or utilized as part of the Scholarship operation; (5) technical failures of any kind, including, but not limited to malfunctions, interruptions, or disconnections in phone lines or network hardware or software; (6) unauthorized human intervention in any part of the application process or the Scholarship; (7) technical or human error which may occur in the administration of the Scholarship; or (8) any injury or damage to persons or property which may be caused, in whole or in part, from any participation in Scholarship or from the receipt, use or misuse of any Scholarship amounts. NRF Foundation will not replace lost, misdirected or stolen scholarships or travel allowances.

By participating in the Scholarship, each University Member, advisor and student agrees to release and hold harmless NRF Foundation and its affiliates, subsidiaries, directors, officers, employees and agents from any and all liability, except as restricted by applicable law, for injuries, loss, or damage of any kind including, but not limited to, direct, indirect, incidental, consequential, or punitive damages arising from or in connection with: operation of or participation in the Scholarship program and related activities; use of the website and other materials associated with this Scholarship program; the 2017 NRF Annual Convention and Expo; travel to and from the NRF Annual Convention and Expo; acceptance, use or misuse of Scholarship amounts; and any and all claims. NRF Foundation, its affiliates, directors, officers, employees and agents are not responsible if the Scholarship program is terminated, or any Scholarship amounts cannot be provided due to events beyond NRF Foundation’s reasonable control including, but not limited to, acts of god, acts of war, natural disasters, weather, or terrorism.

NRF Foundation reserves the right to revise any Scholarship policies and practices at any time as it deems appropriate in its sole discretion. NRF Foundation's failure to enforce any term of these Official Rules shall not constitute a waiver of that provision. All issues and questions concerning the Scholarship, the 2017 NRF Annual Convention and Expo, or the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Rules, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws of the District of Columbia without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of laws rules. Any disputes related to this Scholarship will be resolved in the local and federal courts of Washington D.C. In the event of any conflict between the terms of these Rules and any Scholarship-related materials in any format including, but not limited to, the website, the terms of these Rules shall prevail and have precedence.