Advancement through Continued Education & Training

More than 900 colleges, universities and technical schools in the U.S. currently offer advanced degrees in restaurant, foodservice and hospitality-related fields. To assist students who want to further their education and pursue a career in the industry, the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation awards approximately $850,000 in scholarships and grants each year. Since 1987, the Foundation has awarded more than $23 million.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

› Applications for National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation scholarships and grants are accepted each year between January 15 and March 15

› National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation scholarships and grants are open to everyone pursuing an undergraduate degree related to the restaurant, hospitality or foodservice industry and enrolled in an accredited college or university in the upcoming year

› There are no age restrictions – applicants can apply at any point during their education

› The National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation offers professional development grants to ProStart culinary arts and restaurant management educators

› ProStart educators are also eligible to attend summer training seminars conducted by The National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation and industry professionals

KEY STATS

700 People Apply for NRAEF Scholarships & Grants Annually

300 Scholarships & Grants Awarded Annually

In 2019:

1/2 Are First Generation College Students and Identify as Minority Students

Two-thirds are Women

95% of Recipients Have Begun Working in the Restaurant Industry

Get Involved!

To learn more about how to support the Foundation’s Scholarship and Grants program, visit ChooseRestaurants.org/Scholarships.