

# National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation Scholarship Terms and Conditions (2023)



The National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) oversees and awards certain scholarships for students enrolled in courses of study related to the restaurant and foodservice industry, with such scholarships and awards being made pursuant to the terms and conditions provided herein or as otherwise specified by the NRAEF.

Generally, each applicant submits one scholarship application, and the NRAEF defines an academic year as any semester, term, or quarter that falls between August 1 of the current year and July 31 the following year. Scholarship funds are for one academic year only and are non-transferrable to a different academic year unless approved by the NRAEF. NRAEF will review each application and will attempt to match successful scholarship applicants to available scholarships for which they qualify. Please be aware that the NRAEF scholarships may have criteria or restrictions (such as with respect to major, academic year, academic institution, geographic location, grade point average, or status as a veteran or member of an underrepresented group). Applicants will be notified if a scholarship has such restrictions at the time of application and, if selected for a scholarship, when the scholarship is rewarded.

## **The following conditions must be met before the scholarship award is released:**

**Distribution/Allocation of Scholarship Funds:** Funds are distributed directly to the awardee's school. The funds are to be distributed in equal portions, by term, during the academic year for which the student is awarded. If the student has already paid for the current term, the total amount can be applied to the next consecutive term. If the student is only enrolled for one semester within the academic year and is set to graduate after that semester, the entire amount can be applied to their final semester. Scholarship awards must be selected and paid/applied before the student graduates.

**Usage of Scholarship Funds:** Award money may be used for tuition and fees, books, room and board (on or off campus), transportation costs, meal plan costs, or any other school-related expenses (e.g., uniforms, knife kits, supplies, academic program related fees, etc.). Awards and funds are non-transferable.

**Enrollment Eligibility:** The student must be enrolled full-time or part-time at the academic institution in a restaurant, hospitality, or foodservice-related program for each term of the academic year. Determinations as to whether a particular program qualifies as a restaurant, hospitality, or foodservice-related program shall be made by NRAEF in its sole discretion. Part-time enrollment can be any amount of credit hours below full-time enrollment and above zero. Such enrollment must be verified with the academic institution each term before the funds are released to the student's account. Any changes with respect to the student's enrollment eligibility (including, but not limited to, a change in academic institution or intended major) may result in the forfeiture of the student's enrollment eligibility and therefore the scholarship award. Employees and the immediate family members of employees of NRAEF, National Restaurant Association, and any state restaurant association are ineligible for any scholarship offered by NRAEF. Employees

and immediate family members of donors sponsoring specific scholarships are ineligible for such scholarships. All decisions made with respect to scholarship eligibility shall be made at NRAEF's sole discretion.

**Notification of Change:** If an applicant or student should have a change of any circumstances or criteria for which the scholarship is judged or awarded (including but not limited to: a change in the applicant's major or intended course of study; a change in the intended time of matriculation or study; a material change in the student's academic record; or other material change in the information contained in the application), the applicant or student will promptly notify the NRAEF of such change. Such notification of change should be made at any time between the date of the original application and the payment of the scholarship funds. If the NRAEF notifies the applicant of an award, the applicant will be required to verify the applicant's criteria pursuant to the award notice.

**Notification of Academic Probation:** If the student is placed on academic probation or is not maintaining satisfactory academic progress as defined by the student's institution, the NRAEF must be notified before the award is released.

**Release of Scholarship Funds:** If all conditions above are met and award money remains after all tuition and other school-related expenses have been paid for the academic year, any remaining money may be released to the student upon receipt of documentation that valid academic expenses were previously paid by or on behalf of the student.

**Return of Funds:** If the student does not enroll for the academic year they are awarded, or if there is a material change that is determined by the NRAEF to have affected the student's qualification for a scholarship, the full scholarship amount must be returned to the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation.