

The National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation Scholarship Terms and Conditions



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 (“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 for the scholarships available for the upcoming academic year. NRAEF defines an academic year as any semester, term, or quarter that falls between August 1 of the current year and July 31 of the following year. Scholarship funds made available are for use with one academic year only and are non-transferrable to a different academic year unless approved by NRAEF in writing. Completion of the application does not guarantee the applicant will receive an award. NRAEF will review each application and will attempt to match successful scholarship applicants to available scholarships for which they qualify. Please be aware that NRAEF scholarships may have eligibility criteria or restrictions (such as with respect to major, academic year, area of study, academic institution, geographic location, grade point average, or status as a veteran/military affiliation). Additionally, preferences are given based on grade point average and to students who have a demonstrated connection to the Industry (as exemplified by Industry work experience, participation in ProStart or other similar programs, and ServSafe certifications). Judges also take into consideration, interest in and connection to the Industry when reviewing applications. Applicants selected for a scholarship will be notified if that scholarship has specific criteria or restrictions when notified of the scholarship award.

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 academic institution. The funds are to be distributed in equal portions, by term, during the academic year for which the applicant is awarded a scholarship. If the applicant has already paid for the current term, the total amount can be applied to the next consecutive term, subject to the academic institution's policies for disbursement of scholarship funds. If the applicant is only enrolled as a student 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, subject to the academic institution’s policies. Scholarship award funds must be applied/used before the applicant 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.), subject to the academic institution’s policies for disbursement of scholarship funds. Awards and funds are non-transferable. Funds cannot be used to pay off school loans.

Enrollment Eligibility: The applicant must be enrolled full-time or part-time as an undergraduate student (or in limited instances as a graduate student if noted in the application) at an accredited academic institution in a restaurant, hospitality, or foodservice-related program for each term of the academic year. Determinations as to

whether a particular academic institution 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 award funds are released to the academic institution for application to the applicant's student account. Any changes with respect to the applicant's enrollment eligibility (including, but not limited to, a change in academic institution or intended major) may result in the forfeiture of the applicant's enrollment eligibility and therefore the scholarship award. Employees and the immediate family members of employees of NRAEF, National Restaurant Association, their affiliates 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 should have a change of any circumstances or criteria for which the scholarship is evaluated or awarded (including but not limited to: a change in the applicant's major or intended course of study; a change in academic institution; a change in the intended time of enrollment, registration or study; a material change in the applicant's academic record; or other material change in the information contained in the application), the applicant is obligated to promptly notify 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 award funds. If NRAEF notifies the applicant of an award, the applicant will be required to verify the applicant's information and eligibility relative to the circumstances and criteria for which the scholarship is awarded pursuant to the award notice.

Notification of Academic Probation: If the applicant is placed on academic probation or is not maintaining satisfactory academic progress as defined by the applicant's academic institution, 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 in which awarded, such remaining funds that are not applied by the academic institution to the next consecutive term or otherwise disbursed for school-related expenses in accordance with the academic institution's policies for disbursement of scholarship funds, must be returned to NRAEF.

Return of Funds: If the applicant does not enroll for the academic year in which they are awarded, or if there is a material change that is determined by NRAEF to have affected the applicant's eligibility or qualification for a scholarship, the full scholarship amount must be returned to NRAEF. Funds cannot be repurposed or used to pay off school loans.