

Restaurant Employee Relief Fund

Through the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation



There are more than 1 million restaurants in the U.S., home to more than 15 million employees. Early estimates indicate that our industry is the largest sector impacted by the spread of COVID-19, with 5 to 7 million restaurant workers expected to lose their jobs. In the face of this global pandemic, the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) believes that our mission – to support and empower our industry’s workforce – is more important than ever.

NRAEF set up the **Restaurant Employee Relief Fund** to help restaurant industry employees experiencing hardship in the wake of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak. Through this Fund, grants will be made to restaurant industry employees who have demonstrated being financially impacted by COVID-19, whether through a decrease in wages or loss of employment. These grants will be made on a first-come-first-served basis, subject to availability of funds. **100%** of the Fund’s proceeds will go to providing grants to restaurant workers.

RELIEF CRITERIA

Funds will be available for restaurant employees who can demonstrate that they:

- Worked on a part- or full-time basis in the restaurant industry for at least 90 days in the past year; and
- Have had a primary source of income in the restaurant industry for the last year; and
- Have experienced a decrease in wages or loss of job on or after March 10, 2020; and
- Live in the United States, an overseas U.S. military base, or any U.S. territory; and
- Are over the age of legal majority in their U.S. state or territory.

RELIEF AMOUNT

- One-time, \$500 check to use towards housing, transportation, utilities, child-care, groceries, medical bills or student loans

RELIEF PROCESS

- Complete grant requests online via simple form at RERF.us (available April 2nd)
- Requests reviewed and verified by the NRAEF team
- Confirm applicant is eligible and has not previously received financial aid from the Fund
- Check mailed to recipient – funds will be disbursed on a first-come- first-served basis

TO SUPPORT

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