

Restaurant Employee Relief Fund

Apply For Aid

Through the **Restaurant Employee Relief Fund**, we will provide grants to restaurant industry employees who have been adversely impacted by COVID-19 financially, whether through a decrease in wages or loss of employment that results in a lack of resources to pay for essential expenses.

- **Each approved grant is \$500, one per person only**
- **See Eligibility Requirements listed below**
- **Read our Application FAQs**

Grants will be awarded as soon as possible to those individuals who meet the prescribed eligibility criteria, as reviewed and verified by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF). Subject to the availability of funds contributed to the Fund, a one-time grant of \$500 will be disbursed directly to the applicant following NRAEF's review and confirmation that their submitted application meets the prescribed guidelines. Awards will be limited to one grant per person.

STATUS UPDATE: April 8, 2020

With the expanded capacity of our system, we have now accepted nearly 10,000 completed applications from individuals who registered to apply last week. And, later this week we will begin to notify eligible applicants of their \$500 grant awards.

We will be allowing more individuals to register to apply soon. In order to better manage the flow of grant applications, we will periodically open the registration page to new applicants. Once registered, individuals will receive an email confirmation with additional instructions regarding the application process and when they may apply, and their grant applications will be reviewed in the order in which they are received. **Registration will re-open on Thursday, April 9th at 12 noon Eastern Daylight Time, and 20,000 new registrations will be accepted.** Please note that this round of the registration process will stop once 20,000 applicants have registered.

For anyone interested in applying, we encourage you to carefully read our updated **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** before starting your

application. There, you will find eligibility requirements and other information you will need to submit with your application.

Our priority is to help you and your fellow restaurant workers during these challenging times. Please be sure to check-in for Fund news and information on the RERF.us site and on our social channels – [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [Facebook](#). Thank you.

Your Eligibility

Who Should Apply To Receive Funds?

Funds will be available for restaurant and foodservice 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 needed wages or loss of job on or after March 10, 2020 the result in a lack of resources to pay for essential expenses; 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 in their U.S. state or territory; and
- Meet other requirements demonstrating financial need as determined by the NRAEF.

* Depending upon the terms of certain contributions to the Fund, certain amounts may only be available for distribution in limited geographic areas. Individuals related to employees or board members of the National Restaurant Association or National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation **ARE NOT** eligible for grants. All grants are made at the discretion of the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation.

[Read more Application FAQs](#)

Your Need For Funds

One-time grants are for short-term COVID-19 related hardships in paying any of the following expenses only:

- Home rent or mortgage

- Car payments or transportation costs
- Utility bills
- Student loan payments
- Child care
- Groceries
- Medical bills

[Read more Application FAQs](#)