



## **Fall 2021 LRAEF School Support Fund Guidelines**

Applications Due Friday, October 8th, 2021 (11:59AM)

### **Introduction**

The Louisiana Restaurant Association Education Foundation exists to enhance the industry's service to the public through education, community engagement, and promotion of career opportunities. The LRAEF is pleased to provide financial support to our Louisiana ProStart programs through the LRAEF School Support Fund as a way to give one of our most important partners- our Louisiana ProStart teachers- the tools to bring our mission to life in each of their classrooms.

The dollars to provide this School Support Fund are made possible through the generous contributions from our ProStart partners, sponsors, and the members of the Louisiana Restaurant Association to help advance the Louisiana ProStart program at the school level. This fund is designed to provide financial assistance to your ProStart program in the area(s) that you identify as greatest need. Award decisions will be made by mid-October and funds will be distributed to qualified schools shortly after. Award decisions are at the discretion of the LRAEF based on available funding, need, class size and other factors. Funds may only be spent in the specified areas to support the ProStart Program.

### **Eligibility**

- Program must be considered an approved Louisiana ProStart Confirmed or Premier program. Curriculum Only programs (that teach only and do not yet meet the Confirmed or Premier criteria) are not eligible
- Program must agree to submit 2021 NRAEF online data collection survey
- Program must submit 2021-2022 Louisiana ProStart School Agreement
- Program must submit School Profile updated with 2021-2022 academic year information on time
- Educator must hold valid Louisiana ProStart Educator Certification
- Applications must be complete to be considered for funding

### **2021-2022 LRAEF School Support Fund Categories**

There are six categories in which LRAEF School Support Fund awards may be used:

- Capital Projects
- Field Trips / Industry Interactions
- Perishables / Light Equipment
- Competition Costs
- Educator NRAEF Summer Institute Scholarship
- Other- Explanation required to justify use of funding

*Please note: As previously announced, funds may **not** be used for textbooks and testing materials in this funding cycle.*

### **2021 Timeline and Deadlines:**

- LRAEF School Support Fund Application and Guidelines available online: <http://www.lra.org/educator-resources.html>
- Completed applications due to LRAEF through online form – October 8th, 2021
- The LRAEF Board of Directors will make award decisions by mid-October and we will promptly notify schools
- Fall End of Semester Report due – January 14th, 2022

*Deadline reminders will be sent to ProStart teacher on record. However, it is the responsibility of the program to meet all deadlines. Failure to meet deadlines may result in a program being ineligible for funding in subsequent years.*