Support and Assistance for Restaurant & Bar Workers

Presented by:
Illinois Restaurant Association, IRA Educational Foundation, Southern Smoke Foundation, and West Suburban Cook County American Job Center

in conjunction with
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Cook County Commissioner
Bridget Gainer
10th District

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The IRAEF’s mission is to build and promote the health and prosperity of the restaurant industry by investing in the Illinois’ youth and workforce.

The Illinois Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (IRAEF) is a non-profit organization 501 (c)(3) created to prepare Illinois' hospitality workforce through career exploration, professional development, industry training, and annual scholarships. We expanded our efforts to ensure a healthy future for the restaurant community by developing the IRAEF Restaurant Employee Relief Fund.
The Restaurant Employee Relief Fund is a program of the IRAEF and provides one-time grants of $500 to support foodservice workers facing an unforeseen hardship due to COVID-19. Grants will help cover necessary living expenses such as rent, food, utilities, or areas the applicant deems most urgent.
Since November, we’ve granted: $176,500
Eligibility Requirements:

- Must have worked at a food service establishment for a minimum of 90 days
- Unable to work at food service establishment because of one of the following reasons:
  - Diagnosed with COVID-19 or caretaking for someone diagnosed with COVID-19
  - Position eliminated due to restaurant/food service establishment closure; out of work for three weeks or more without unemployment benefits
  - Position eliminated due to reduction of staff at restaurant/food service establishment; out of work for three weeks or more without unemployment benefits
What do you Need to Complete the IRAEF Relief Fund Application?

Information and Documents Include:

- **Updated and Accurate:**
  - Contact Information, Employment, and Salary Details

- **Key Documents:**
  - **Document 1:** Proof of Illinois Residency – Illinois License, State ID, or Chicago CityKey Card
  - **Document 2:** Paystub from most recent Foodservice Establishment, where employed for a minimum of 90 days
  - **Document 3:** (Submit minimum of one document in relation to request for funding)
    - Doctor’s note for medical quarantine/diagnosis of COVID-19
    - Proof of relationship if primary caretaker of individuals with COVID-19
    - A letter/notice of termination or other verification of unemployment
    - Confirmation of restaurant closure
Step 1:
illinoisrestaurants.org/ReliefFundApplication

 IRAEF Restaurant Employee Relief Fund Grant Application
Begin Accepting Applications Date: 10/18/2020
Deadline Date (EST Time Zone): 10/19/2021 12:00 AM
Apply

 IRAEF Restaurant Employee Relief Fund Grant Application - Espanol
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How to Apply:
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Step 2:

Welcome to your Illinois Association Educational Scholarship & Grant Application.

New Applicants/First Time Users
Click the "Create New Account" button below in order to begin a new application.

Existing Applicants
Enter your Username and Password to complete the application. (Your username is the email address and password you initially used to set up your account.)

Forgot Password
Click on "Forgot Password" and enter your login email address to reset your password. Once complete, an email will be sent asking you to reset your password. You will receive a confirmation email once you've successfully reset your password.

Create New Account
How to Apply:
illinoisrestaurants.org/ReliefFundApplication

Step 3:

Registration

Once you create a user account and begin an application you can save your work and return later to finish. It is important that you review each section of the application to make sure there is not any missing information.

Do not hesitate to contact us at employeerelief@illinoisrestaurants.org if you have any questions.

Thanks and, Good Luck!

* First Name:  
* Last Name:  
Cell Phone:  
Canada/USA  
* Date of Birth:  Month  Day  Year  (Month/Day/Year)  
* Login Id (Email Format):  
* Password:  
* Confirm Password:  
Image Verification:  I'm not a robot  

Submit  Cancel
How to Apply:
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Step 4:
How to Apply:
illinoisrestaurants.org/ReliefFundApplication

Step 5:

*Document One: Proof of Illinois Residency (Valid Illinois Driver License, State ID or Chicago City Key ID Card)

*Name on Illinois License or ID matches Applicant Name:  Yes  No

*Document Two: Pay Stub from most recent foodservice establishment where you were employed for a minimum of 90 days (Must be .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx, .jpg, .gif, .png, or .pdf)

*Name on Pay Stub matches Applicant Name:  Yes  No

*Document Three (please submit the appropriate documentation in relation to your request for funding - a minimum of one document is required):

- Doctor's note for medical quarantine/ diagnosis of COVID-19 (name on doctor's note must match applicant name)
- Proof of relationship of primary caretaker of an individual with COVID-19
- A letter/notice of termination or other verification of unemployment (name on document must match applicant name)
- Confirmation of restaurant closure (screenshot okay)
How are Applications Evaluated?

1. Each application is verified and then reviewed by the Restaurant Employee Relief Fund Review Committee.
   • Applicants should provide updated valid and complete information, including current telephone, email, and other contact information, may result in the withdrawal of the application.
2. Applications will be reviewed in the order they are received.
3. Awardees will be selected based on eligibility requirements.
4. Awardees will be notified directly if their application is accepted or declined.
   • If declined, applicants may be able to reapply if circumstances have changed and requirements are now met.
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Southern Smoke Foundation

Kathryn Lott
Executive Director
Southern Smoke Foundation provides funding to individuals in the food and beverage industry who are in crisis. Established in 2017, our emergency relief fund has distributed more than $4.9 million to individuals in the food and beverage industry in crisis.
Chicago Restaurant Workers Relief Fund

* Specifically for restaurant, bar and coffee shop workers who are or were employed in Cook County, Illinois.
* To qualify:
  * You must have worked in the food and beverage industry for a minimum of 6 months and an average of 30 hours per week minimum.
  * Every applicant must show proof of such employment, so please have paycheck stubs and/or W2s available.
* To apply visit: southernsmoke.org/chicago-relief-fund/apply/
National Emergency Relief Fund

* If you work in other food and beverage roles:
  * farmers, distillery workers, wine makers, beverage delivery drivers, etc., or work outside of Cook County, you can apply to Southern Smoke’s National Emergency Relief Fund

* To apply visit: https://southernsmoke.org/fund/
NOW HIRING

* We are now hiring those who have been furloughed or are unemployed from the restaurant industry in Cook County to become caseworkers, application screeners, communication specialists, Processors, and more!
* All positions pay $15 per hour and require intense dedication and self-motivation.
* To apply visit: https://southernsmoke.org/chicago-relief-fund/ and click on the application link at the bottom of the page
West Suburban Cook County
American Job Center

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Gain Skills • Find Work

American Job Center Network

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Center Director – West Suburban Cook County AJC
A Bit About Us

- E&ES has been delivering workforce development & human services for 38 years
- We have placed more than 95,000 Chicagoland residents into employment
- We forge relationships with businesses hiring for quality jobs that pay family-supporting wages
- We contract with The Partnership to offer Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programming at four American Job Centers in Cook County
- More info at: www.eesforjobs.com
What is an American Job Center (AJC)?

* Cook County AJCs offer job seekers a variety of job search services and resources from many partner agencies under one roof
* All AJCs in Illinois are part of the Illinois workNet™ system
* Many services we offer are federally-funded, including vocational training
* If you have been laid off, are low-income, or a youth (18-24 years), you may be eligible
**Cook County American Job Center Locations**

*Most locations currently closed to public, but offering services remotely. Call for details.*

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<td>7500 S. Pulaski Rd., Building 100 Chicago, IL 60652</td>
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<td>Westside American Job Center</td>
<td>605 S. Albany Ave. Chicago, IL 60624</td>
<td>(773) 722-3898</td>
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<td>Mid-South American Job Center</td>
<td>4314 S. Cottage Grove, 2nd Floor Chicago, IL 60653</td>
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<td>1700 W. 18th St. Chicago, IL 60608</td>
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<td>1145 W. Wilson Ave. Chicago, IL 60640</td>
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<td>Woodlawn Office, a Satellite of the Mid-South American Job Center</td>
<td>1515 E. 71st St. Chicago, IL 60619</td>
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<td>723 W. Algonquin Rd. Arlington Heights, IL 60005</td>
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<td>South Suburban Cook County American Job Center at Prairie State College</td>
<td>Prairie State College, ATOC Building, #148 202 S. Halsted St. Chicago Heights, IL 60411</td>
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<td>1701 South 1st Avenue Suite 10 Maywood, IL 60153</td>
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There are three Sector Centers, focused on specific industries, in Cook County:

- **Chicagoland Retail & Hospitality Sector Center**
  218 S. Wabash Avenue, Suite 540
  Chicago, IL 60604
  312-281-7925

- **Healthcare Sector Center**
  940 West Adams, Suite 302
  Chicago, IL 60607
  312-690-4655

- **Information Technology Sector Center**
  567 W. Lake Street, Suite 1150
  Chicago, IL 60661
  312-994-4200
How We Can Help YOU!

We can provide:

* Career Coaching & Planning
* Training Grants (up to $8,000 vocational training)
* Job Opportunities; Database and Network
* Financial Counseling
* Supportive Services
Workshops Offered Weekly

- Workshops are offered every week:
  - Resume Development
  - Job Search Strategies
  - Emotional Intelligence - Job Retention
  - Using a LinkedIn Account
  - Interviewing & Attending Job Fairs Virtually
- Check in with your preferred AJC location for information on how to access webinars
“It’s like having your own home office.”

- Each AJC has a Resource Room full of technology to help with your job search
- Computers, Internet, copy machine, fax machine & phones
- Access job opportunities
- Books, videos & other resource materials
- Assistive Technology for people with disabilities

*Resource Rooms are not currently open to the public
Our New Virtual Enrollment Process

* With the onset of Covid-19, we have developed a process to enable you to enroll in WIOA and receive services virtually
* In order to access services virtually, you will need regular access to the following technology:
  * Computer, laptop, tablet, OR phone to participate in webinars (via Zoom) & upload documents
  * A phone to make/receive calls
  * Access to email
* First Step: Attend Virtual Orientation!
  * [https://www.eesforjobs.com/calendar.html](https://www.eesforjobs.com/calendar.html)
Cook County American Job Center
Partner Agencies

- Department of Family and Support Services
- Senior Services Area Agency on Aging
- Disability Works
- City and Suburban Colleges of Cook County
- Illinois Department of Employment Security
- Illinois Department of Human Services
- Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services
- Senior Community Service Employment Program
Helpful Links

The Partnership’s Website with AJC Info for all of Cook County:
https://chicookworks.org/our-network/find-your-agency/

E&ES Program & Location Info:
www.eesforjobs.com

Calendar of Upcoming E&ES Webinars,
Including WIOA Orientation Times:
https://www.eesforjobs.com/calendar.html
Q&A

Thank you!