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ACE Grant application

Prior to visiting the cosmetology school you are interested in attending, please make sure to complete this application. Bring this completed application, the completed Salon Assessment and proof of your high school degree or GED with you for the initial meeting with the school's owner or admissions director.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) - _____ - _____

Date of birth: ____ / ____ / ____ SSN# _____ - _____ - _____

High school degree: _____ or GED?: _____

Name of high school: _____

Date of graduation: ____ / ____ / ____

If GED, date received: ____ / ____ / ____

Type of course you are interested in:

Cosmetology Barbering Nail Technician

Esthetics Massage Therapist Instructor

Salon Management Make-up

Other: _____

How did you hear about the ACE Grant Program?: _____

I hereby apply for an Access to Cosmetology Education Grant and affirm that the information contained in this application and accompanying material is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Frequently asked questions

Q: I have filled out the ACE Grant Application. What do I do now?

A: Call or visit the school you have chosen from the participating schools listed at beautyschools.org. Speak with the admissions director and/or the school owner and tell them you are interested in attending school through the ACE Grant Program. They will instruct you on what you need to do.

Q: What if the school I want to go to is not on the list, what do I do?

A: Contact the school you are interested in attending and ask if they are participating in the ACE Grant Program (the school may have joined the program recently). If the school is not participating, but is interested in learning about the program, the school owner or admissions director should contact the American Association of Cosmetology Schools at 800.831.1086, x102 to receive the necessary information.

Q: Who decides the amount of the grant that is given?

A: The school has the authority to determine who is eligible for a grant and how much is given to a particular student.

Q: Will the grant cover my full tuition?

A: No.

Q: Do I have to repay this grant?

A: No.

Q: If I already have a cosmetology license, will this grant pay for my continuing education?

A: No. However, if you are pursuing a license in another area of the industry (i.e. nail technician, esthetician, cosmetology instructor) in addition to your cosmetology license, you may be able to apply for a grant if the school you have chosen offers grants in that particular area. Please contact the school directly for more information.

Q: I want to open my own salon. Will this grant help me with the expenses?

A: No.

Q: I am already enrolled in a program with a cosmetology school, can this grant cover my tuition?

A: The participating cosmetology schools offer ACE Grants to new students only. An ACE Grant can not be used towards payment of any type of student loan.

Q: What if I have more questions? Who do I call?

A: Please direct all other questions to acegrant@beautyschools.org, or call 800.831.1086 x102.



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Salon assessment

Dear Salon Owner, Salon Manager:

I need your help. I am in the process of enrolling in cosmetology school. To help supplement my tuition, I am applying for an Access to Cosmetology Education (ACE) Grant. A requirement of the application process is to meet with you, a salon industry professional, to share with me what the salon world is about. Please take a couple moments of your time to run through this assessment and get me on my way to a great career!

Salon Industry Professional: The purpose of this assessment is to provide a positive launching pad for this prospective student. Feel free to spend as much time as necessary with the student to tout the benefits of a career in our industry. No need to stick to the questions below, make as many notes as you'd like! Thanks!

Applicants name: _____

Cosmetology school applying to: _____

What made you decide to pursue a career in cosmetology: _____

What are some of your interests or hobbies: _____

Did anyone try to talk you out of attending cosmetology school? _____

If so, what did they say? _____

Name one person that is supportive of your plans: _____

Name one awesome thing you've heard about the salon industry: _____

Name one not-so-awesome thing you've heard about the salon industry: _____

What are your plans and expectations after receiving your license? _____

Name of salon: _____

Name of person conducting assessment: _____

Title: _____

Salon telephone number: (_____) - _____ - _____

I would be interested in mentoring this student: _____ Yes _____ No

ACE APPLICANT:

Remember to bring this form, along with the ACE Grant Application and a copy of your high school diploma or GED certificate with you when you meet with the school owner or admissions director.

Questions? Email acegrant@beautyschools.org, or call 800.831.1086 x102