About Ohio ProStart®

Program - ProStart is a nationwide, two-year high school culinary arts and restaurant management training program that develops the brightest talent into tomorrow’s foodservice industry leaders.

★ Requirements
- Pass Level One and Level Two exams
- Achieve a minimum of 52 of 75 work-related skill competencies
- 400 work hours required
- Certificate of Achievement (COA) comply with application process and deadlines to earn industry credential

★ Benefits of ProStart®
- Nationally recognized program throughout the United States
- Receives national industry credential, Certificate of Achievement after meeting all requirements
- Additional ProStart® scholarship opportunities through the ORAEF and NRAEF
- Culinary and management annual competition, ProStart Invitational
- Scholarships offered to top five teams in culinary and management competitions
- Statewide and National Articulation agreements with colleges and universities for ProStart students
- Industry connections and employment opportunities

★ What does ORAEF do for ProStart®
- Coordinate and support ProStart Schools in Ohio
- Host and facilitate competitions
- Assists with fundraising for scholarships and supports school and community activities
- Hosts “Celebration of the Stars” Banquet to present scholarship awards
- Presents annual Teacher Seminars and Workshops
- Promotes Employment opportunities

★ Industry Involvement
- Hire ProStart students
- Mentor the students and school program or serve on Advisory Board
- Be a guest speaker or host a tour
- Become a donor and assist with funding annual events
- Serve as a Judge for the competition
- Tutor competition practices
- Volunteer for Workforce Development Committee
- Establish local scholarships
- And more……

To become involved with Ohio ProStart, please contact Patricia Halper, Executive Director of the Ohio Restaurant Association Education Foundation (ORAEF) at 877-442-9374 or phalper@ohiorestaurant.org or visit www.oraef.org.