

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.