

# Restaurant Ready

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## What is Restaurant Ready?

Restaurant Ready is a program to prepare youth to succeed in a restaurant environment. The program equips the students with technical and soft skills to ensure dependability and quality in the workplace.

## Why The Matthews House?

The National Restaurant Association Education Foundation selected The Matthews House to be one of five organizations to participate in the pilot program. The Matthews House was chosen because of our holistic case management approach. Not only will we help opportunity youth acquire jobs, but we will walk alongside the participants to maintain the job and assist them in improving occupational skills.

## Who is it for?

Restaurant Ready candidates should be 16 to 24 years old. If you are over the age of 24 you can still be considered for participation.

## What is the time commitment?

The program should take 2 to 6 months, depending on the student's pace and past experience. The commitment is very flexible for each individual. Typically, there will be a 1 to 2 night commitment.

## Do I need to be employed in the food industry already?

No, but if you are we can work with your current employer.

## Which pathway would I be in and how does that affect who I'm working with?

Based on your experience you will be placed in one of the pathways in the program.

<b>Advance Pathway</b>	<b>Classroom Pathway</b>	<b>Individual Pathway</b>
<p><b>Already working in the field</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Work with Restaurant Ready Coordinator to identify strengths and growth opportunities</li><li>-Work independently with Coordinator to strengthen all areas</li></ul>	<p><b>Limited to no experience in the field</b> (<i>majority of participants</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Work within a group setting to learn the skills needed to complete curriculum provided by Lifelong Learning</li></ul>	<p><b>Barriers presented that Classroom Pathway would not allow achievement of certificate</b> (<i>limited number of participants</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Work individually with Restaurant Ready Coordinator to learn all skills to complete the curriculum provided by Lifelong Learning</li></ul>