



ACE Grants Application and Participating Schools

American Association of Cosmetology Schools (AACS)
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did you know?

The field of cosmetology is projected to grow by leaps and bounds through 2008 as a result of an increasing population, increasing incomes, and a greater demand for services.

success tip:

*Do not procrastinate!
What time is better than now?*

Why choose cosmetology?

here are five great reasons!

1. Diverse career opportunities! Write your own ticket!
2. Demand for salon professionals is high! Salons are in need of stylists!
3. Unlimited income potential! The sky's the limit!
4. Job security! Once a salon gets a hold of you, they're not going to let go!
5. Mobility! Talk about the ability to move around, cosmetologists are needed everywhere!

applying for an ace grant

CHOOSING A SCHOOL

In order to receive an ACE Grant you must attend a school that is participating in the program. Take a look at the enclosed list to find a school near you. Make sure to explore all of your options! This is an important decision, just as though you were considering attending a college or university.

Once you have found a school that interests you, set up an appointment to meet with the school owner or admissions director. Make sure to mention the ACE Grant Program when you contact them. Sorry, ACE Grants can not be awarded after starting school.

In your first meeting with the school's representative, make sure to take a tour. Take a look around, do you like what you see? Do they offer what you're looking for?

You will need to bring three things with you to the school you are interested in attending:

1. the completed ACE Grant Application, 2. the completed Salon Assessment,
3. a copy of your high school diploma or GED certificate

YOUR SALON ASSESSMENT

Please visit a salon in your area to meet briefly with the owner or manager. This meeting is designed to give you a peek into the salon world and help answer any questions you may have regarding your future plans. And who knows, maybe you will meet a future employer! If you need help finding a salon in your area feel free to call us at 888.411.4726.

WHAT NOW?

You are ready! Set up that meeting with the school's representative, at which point they will determine your eligibility for an ACE Grant. Grant amounts vary from school to school and are awarded solely at the school's discretion. The school representative will also be able to explain exactly what the grant will cover and what other expenses you will be responsible for, as well as other financial aid that is available.

Want to know more?

do some research!

BOOKS

Careers in Focus: Cosmetology
Ferguson Publishing Company \$19.95
800.468.2274 x127

The UnCollege Alternative: Your Guide to
Incredible Careers and Amazing Adventures Outside College
by Danielle Wood

WEBSITES

www.careeradviser.com/articles/display.cfm?docID=221
www.caf.org
www.review.com/career, career search: cosmetologist
www.behindthechair.com

best of luck!



did you know?
 90% of all jobs created in this decade and well into the next century will be in the service producing sector, which includes cosmetology!

foiling is:

- an Olympic sport
- a cool haircoloring technique
- an Internet communication method
- a barbequing technique

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 ____/____/____
 Social security number _____ - _____ - _____

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 _____



success tip:

OK. So you've set goals for yourself.
Write them down and
put them somewhere visible.
Think about them often.

client retention is:

- a. receiving a tip
- b. strapping a customer in the chair
- c. doing a great job to keep your clients coming back
- d. when a salon client drinks too much water

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:

don't forget!

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? Contact Krystal Hayes, ACE Grant Administrator at 888.411.GRANT.



success tip:

Success in any area begins with action: you have to get started.

whose hairstyle created a national craze, sending women to ask their stylist for the "rachel"?

- a. Jennifer Lopez
- b. Jennifer Love Hewitt
- c. Jennifer Jason Leigh
- d. Jennifer Aniston

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 enclosed list of participating cosmetology schools. 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 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 Krystal Hayes, ACE Grant Administrator at the ACE Grant hotline number at 888-411-GRANT or e-mail krystal@beautyschools.org.