KEYS FADE IT FORWARD INITIATIVE

STUDENT APPLICATION

The Keys Fade It Forward Initiative helps local Florida Keys residents pursue professional barber training, licensure, mentorship, and a career pathway. Please answer every question honestly and completely. Submitting an application does not guarantee selection, funding, admission, licensure, or employment.

SECTION 1 - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full legal name

Preferred name

Date of birth

Age

Home address

City / Key

ZIP code

Phone number

Email address

Are you currently a Florida Keys resident?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

How long have you lived in the Florida Keys?

Current high school, college, employer, or other primary activity

SECTION 2 - BARBERING INTEREST & EXPERIENCE

Why do you want to become a licensed barber?

What first interested you in barbering?

Have you ever cut hair before?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

If yes, describe your experience, including how long you have been cutting and who you typically cut.

Do you currently own any barber tools or equipment?

- ☐ Clippers
- ☐ Trimmers
- ☐ Shears
- ☐ Guards & combs
- ☐ Other
- ☐ None

What do you believe makes a great barber besides being able to cut hair?

SECTION 3 - COMMITMENT & RELIABILITY

If selected, are you willing and able to complete an approved Florida barber-training program?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Unsure

Are you willing to provide attendance and progress updates while enrolled?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Tell us about a time you committed to something difficult and completed it.

Describe a time you were late, missed an obligation, or made a mistake. How did you handle it?

What could realistically prevent you from completing barber school?

If you began struggling in school, what would you do before deciding to quit?

SECTION 4 - FLORIDA KEYS CAREER COMMITMENT

Do you currently plan to live and work in the Florida Keys after becoming licensed?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Unsure

Why do you want to build your career in the Florida Keys?

Where do you see yourself professionally three years from now?

Where do you see yourself professionally five years from now?

If selected, would you be willing to enter into a separate written sponsorship agreement that may include a work commitment and repayment obligations if the agreement is not completed?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ I need more information

SECTION 5 - SCHOOL, TRANSPORTATION & SUPPORT

Do you currently have reliable transportation?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Sometimes

Because barber school may require travel or temporary relocation outside the Keys, what transportation or housing challenges would you expect?

Who is part of your support system while you attend school?

Would employment, childcare, family responsibilities, or other obligations affect your ability to attend school consistently?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Possibly

If yes or possibly, please explain.

SECTION 6 - FINANCIAL NEED & OTHER ASSISTANCE

Would you be able to attend barber school without financial assistance from this Initiative?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Possibly

What expenses would create the greatest barrier for you?

- ☐ Tuition
- ☐ Tools & supplies
- ☐ Licensing fees
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ Food
- ☐ Childcare

- [ ] Lost work income
- [ ] Other

Have you applied for financial aid, grants, scholarships, workforce funding, or school payment assistance?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Not yet

If yes, please describe any assistance you have applied for or received.

SECTION 7 - REFERENCES & FINAL QUESTIONS

Reference #1 - Name, relationship, phone/email

Reference #2 - Name, relationship, phone/email

Why should the Keys Fade It Forward Initiative invest in you?

What would receiving this opportunity mean to you and your family?

Is there anything else you want the selection committee to know?

SECTION 8 - APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

- [ ] I certify that the information in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- [ ] I understand that submitting this application does not guarantee selection, funding, admission to a barber school, licensure, or employment.
- [ ] I understand that if selected, I may be required to sign additional agreements before sponsorship funds are provided.

Applicant full name as electronic acknowledgment

Application date

Applicant signature (for printed applications)

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Application received

Interview date

Reviewer

Applicant ID

Internal notes