



Kalamazoo RESA Education for Employment/ Career & Technical Education (EFE/CTE)

Cosmetology & Barbering Application

The EFE/CTE Cosmetology & Barbering program provides students with the knowledge required to successfully complete the State Board of Cosmetology & Barbering examination and licensing process. This program is limited in the number of seats available; therefore, it is important the students selected are career-focused in this field of study. To assist high schools in the selection process, **in addition to the standard EFE/CTE application**, the following items are required for your application to be considered complete.

Essay

Write an essay that describes the reasons why you want to enroll in the Cosmetology & Barbering program. The essay should be, minimally, 300 words in length, composed in complete sentences (type written is preferred) and include answers to the following:

- Your career objectives and any additional information that demonstrates your commitment to attending class daily **from 12:30-4:30 p.m.** and completing the 1500-hour program (Cosmetology), 1800-hour program (Barbering).
- How do you intend to juggle extracurricular demands when Cosmetology & Barbering class meets Monday–Friday, 12:30-4:30 p.m.? How do you plan to meet the **240-hour summer commitment** between your junior and senior year of high school?
- How will you put forth your best effort in the program? Will this effort look differently from the effort you are currently demonstrating in other classes? If so, explain.

**Please note: Students selected for the program are also expected to attend a spring EFE/CTE program orientation and meet with the beauty school before school starting in the fall.*

Recommendations

Prospective Cosmetology & Barbering students are also being asked to attach two recommendation forms to their EFE/CTE application. (*Recommendations must be from an adult over age 25 and not be from a relative.*) The person is asked to give a personal assessment of your ability to succeed in the program. Attached are two recommendation forms you can give to your references to assist with the request.

Questions to Ask Yourself

Answer the questions on this list honestly to find out if beauty school is a good fit for your future.

- Do I enjoy working one-on-one with people? Am I comfortable touching people?
- Do I like working with my hands? Am I ok with working on my feet?
- Am I a social person who enjoys meeting people and friendly conversation?
- Am I comfortable giving honest opinions and tactful, but critical feedback?
- Am I a creative person who enjoys keeping up with the latest beauty and/or fashion trends?
- Am I a motivated self-starter who sets goals and works hard to achieve them?
- Can I balance beauty school with my current course work and sports schedule?
- Can I learn well with a combination of in-class lecture, textbook reading, homework assignments, and hands-on practice on both mannequins and real people?

If you answered “yes” to most or all of the questions, beauty school just might be for you.

