CELEBRITY'S BARBER COLLEGE

Washington Barber School Tuition Benchmark & Nonprofit Value Proposition

PROPOSED ALL-IN STUDENT PRICE: $7,450

1,000-hour barber program affordability target

1. What Barber School Costs in Washington

Washington requires at least 1,000 school hours for a barber license through the school-training route. Current public Washington program listings show that barber education can run from roughly $9,000 to $16,000+ for many programs once listed tuition, fees, books, and supplies are considered. Prices vary by school and by what is included.

Washington Program	Tuition	Fees / Books / Supplies	Approx. Total
Arts Barber Academy	$8,999	$730	$9,729
Legion of Barbers Academy	$7,500	$1,910	$9,410
Washington Beauty & Barber College	$14,000	$2,440	$16,440
New York Hair Academy	$13,050	$1,400	$14,450
Celebrity's Barber College - Proposed	**$5,950**	**$1,500 all-in support package**	**$7,450**

Board positioning: A $7,450 all-in nonprofit price would place Celebrity's Barber College below many of the current public program totals reviewed, while still providing room to operate a serious training program.

2. Proposed Celebrity's Barber College Price

Tuition - 1,000 hours	$5,950
Registration / enrollment	$150
Professional barber kit + books	$900
Sanitation / training consumables	$250
Exam / licensing assistance reserve	$200
TOTAL PROPOSED STUDENT PRICE	**$7,450**

Simple payment example: $750 down plus 10 monthly payments of approximately $670, before scholarships or outside funding.

3. What Sets the Nonprofit College Apart

Affordable nonprofit pricing: The school is designed around access and workforce development, not maximizing tuition.

Fresh Start community service: Students can build supervised practical experience while the community receives haircut-voucher and outreach services.

Career pathway, not just classroom hours: Training can include employability, client service, professionalism, business basics, money/time management, and preparation for licensure.

Focus on people facing barriers: Recruitment and scholarship priorities can include low-income adults, single parents, veterans, displaced workers, and people experiencing housing instability.

Sponsor-a-student model: Foundations, businesses, churches, civic groups, and donors can sponsor tuition, barber kits, or complete student seats.

Scholarship ladder: Students with demonstrated need can receive partial or full tuition support rather than being excluded solely because they cannot pay the full price.

Community impact built into the school: The barber college can connect education with the existing Fresh Start Initiative, hygiene support, vouchers, and community partnerships.

> **"Your donation does not just pay tuition. It helps give someone professional training, tools, supervised experience, and a pathway toward becoming a licensed barber and earning a living."**

4. Scholarship Structure for Board Consideration

Program Level	Student Price	Purpose
Standard nonprofit price	$7,450	Affordable published price
Community Scholarship	$5,500	Moderate financial need
50% Fresh Start Tuition Scholarship	$2,975 tuition + applicable costs	Low-income / barrier-to-employment support
75% Opportunity Tuition Scholarship	$1,487.50 tuition + applicable costs	Severe financial hardship
Fully Sponsored Tuition	$0 tuition	Donor, foundation, veteran/community sponsorship

5. Strategic Funding Goal

Celebrity's Barber College should pursue school licensing and financial-aid eligibility as separate workstreams. Potential future funding pathways include WIOA/Eligible Training Provider funding, approved VA/GI Bill education benefits, Washington student-aid programs where institutional eligibility is established, and private foundation or employer sponsorships. Approval is not automatic; each program has its own institutional and program requirements.

A practical fundraising menu for donors:

$900 - sponsor one student's professional barber kit and books

$3,725 - sponsor approximately half of one full student seat

$7,450 - sponsor one complete student seat

$74,500 - sponsor a 10-student cohort at the proposed all-in price

Board Message

Celebrity's Barber College is not intended to be simply another barber school.

The goal is to create an affordable nonprofit career-training pathway where students learn a skilled trade, serve the community, prepare for Washington licensure, receive career and entrepreneurship support, and have access to scholarships and sponsorships when financial barriers would otherwise prevent enrollment.

Sources & Planning Notes

Market figures are based on current public Washington Career Bridge program listings reviewed for Arts Barber Academy, Legion of Barbers Academy, Washington Beauty & Barber College, and New York Hair Academy. Washington's Department of Licensing states that the school-training route for barber licensure requires at least 1,000 hours. Tuition and fee schedules can change; the board should verify competitor pricing and all state, workforce, VA, and financial-aid eligibility requirements before final adoption.

Planning disclaimer: The $7,450 figure is a proposed nonprofit pricing model, not a state-mandated tuition amount. Final tuition should be adopted only after Celebrity's Barber College confirms instructor payroll, facility costs, insurance, licensing, equipment, supplies, administration, and required reserves.