

OVERVIEW



The American Wine Society Educational Foundation's (AWSEF) mission is to provide scholarships to students based on academic excellence and genuine interest in pursuing careers in enology (wine making), viticulture (grape growing), or health aspects of wine.

Incorporated in May 1993 as a nonprofit organization, the AWSEF is designed to encourage men and women who are interested in entering the wine industry and could use additional financial support. The AWSEF is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service Code.

Since its inception in 1993 the AWSEF has awarded scholarships totaling over \$235,000, with additional small student scholarship winner grants for travel to enable attendance at the annual American Wine Society (AWS) National Conference and the AWSEF annual membership meeting.

A Board of Trustees elected by the AWS membership governs the Foundation. All trustees have a deep commitment to advancing wine education at all levels.

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WWW.AWSEF.ORG

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Board of Trustees*

THE AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (AWSEF)



EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION



ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The AWSEF, through its scholarship program, seeks to partner with North American wine enterprises to nurture the development of trained professionals by encouraging studies in enology, viticulture, health aspects of wine, and how to responsibly use and appreciate wine.

Each year the AWSEF Board of Trustees solicits scholarship applicants at North American universities and grants and administers the scholarship awards.

Candidates for the scholarship awards are solicited through publications, wineries, university counselors, professors known for their contributions to the wine industry, and friends in various wine organizations. Students interested in applying for a scholarship should contact the AWSEF through our website — WWW.AWSEF.ORG — where detailed information and scholarship application forms can be found.

Applications are received, evaluated, and the Trustees select scholarship recipients annually.

While academic scholarship and intent to work professionally in the wine industry are paramount, all North American citizens and permanent residents who are registered full time graduate students (MS-PhD) and who have completed at least one semester in their graduate program are eligible to apply. The program is open to registered full-time graduate students, regardless of sex, race, age, religion, and national origin.

Typical thesis topics undertaken by some of our scholarship recipients include:

- *Genetics of Grape Resistance to Pierce's Disease*
- *Electrochemical pH Modification of Wine*
- *Concentration of Resveratrol*
- *Genetics of Root Knot Nematodes Attacking Vines*
- *Management of Vigor and Vine Balance for Different Grape Varieties and Terroir*

SEVERAL OF OUR FORMER SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS HAVE GONE ON TO BECOME PROFESSORS AND OTHERS ARE BECOMING WINE INDUSTRY LEADERS.



MEMBERSHIP

The AWSEF is related to but operates independently from the AWS; however membership in the AWS automatically entitles one to a membership in the AWSEF. Anyone or any organization not a member of the AWS may join the AWSEF upon donating \$25 or more.



NEED FOR FUNDRAISING

In order to accomplish our mission, the AWSEF relies on public contributions to fund our program. Members of the AWS have been our primary supporters. However, we appeal to others such as wine-related corporations and like-minded organizations to share in this important work of educating today's aspiring wine industry professionals.

The AWSEF Trustees and other organizations conduct a variety of activities directed toward ensuring funds will continue to be available for valued scholarships each academic year. The AWSEF encourages named, honorary or memorial scholarships.



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Your support helps, no matter what its size or form. If you wish to discuss other ways in which you can contribute to the AWSEF — such as through a memorial gift, named scholarship sponsor, endowment, or remembering the AWSEF in your will — please contact us through our website and any of our Trustees will be happy to assist.