



AIWF EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The American Institute of Wine and Food (AIWF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the understanding, appreciation and quality of wine and food through educational experiences in support of our Scholarship and Days of Taste® programs.

AIWF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and public charity founded in 1981 by Julia Child, Richard Mondavi and Richard Graff for that study culinary arts and gastronomy essential to the quality of human existence. AIWF Monterey offer scholarships aimed at assisting students in pursuing an education, and training and education to all members of the food, beverage, and hospitality industries.

AIWF's scholarship goal is to promote students who currently resides in the Monterey Bay Region (Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, or Santa Cruz counties). It is our opportunity to give back to the community, and support individuals interested in the Culinary Arts, Hospitality, and/or Oenology. Scholarships typically may range to \$5,000, and the funds do not need to be repaid. Since the money for scholarships is raised by the Monterey Bay, scholarships are only awarded to people who are connected to the Monterey area by school, work, or recent involvement in culinary, food, wine, or hospitality industries.

Food, Beverage, Hospitality Scholarship:

- I. Purpose: to encourage and promote motivated students from the Monterey Bay Region who plan to attend culinary, hospitality, or beverage training at a recognized culinary or hospitality school, community college, or university during the 2026 - 2027 school year.
- II. Application Process and Requirements:
 - Completed AIWF Scholarship Application (please see attached). Application available in Spanish. Application will contain the following:
 - One Page Statement detailing:
 - Career goals (short term and long term) in the culinary, hospitality or beverage fields
 - Work/life experience (summary or resume)
 - Proof of prior academic performance, if applicable.
 - A. Any other pertinent information about yourself that would help us learn about you and your motivations. If Application qualifies you for potential receipt of Scholarship, a short interview will be held to verify short - and long - term goals.
 - B. If selected for the Scholarship, Applicant will be required to provide the following:
 - Proof of prior academic performance (if applicable). If the scholarship recipient's school or program does not issue grades, then we will determine a suitable standard of academic progress in accordance with both the recipient and school.
 - a. Professional references (if appropriate).
 - b. All Scholarships payments will be made directly to the qualified organization.
 - c. Please return your application and the four attachments to:

AIWF, Monterey Bay Chapter Scholarship Chair
P.O. Box 221001
Carmel, California 93923

There is no fee to apply for the AIWF Scholarships and applications are reviewed periodically throughout each calendar year.

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