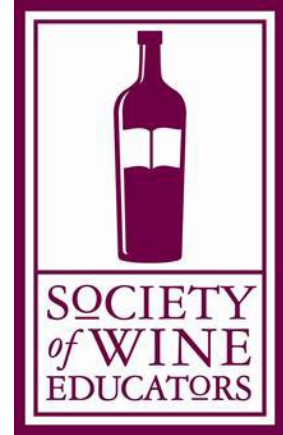


Society of Wine Educators

Scholarship Application for the 2025 wine (Certified Specialist of Wine/CSW) and spirits (Certified Specialist of Spirits/CSS) programs



Eligibility requirements: This program is open to residents of the United States, Canada, or Mexico who have not previously earned a wine or spirits certification. The purpose of these awards is to assist those who feel they have been marginalized or thwarted in their pursuit of a “place at the table” in the wine and spirits industry. This may include BIPOC, women, LGBTIQ+, non-binary people, people with limited financial means, and/or people with disabilities.

Your Name:

Mailing Address:

Contact information/email address:

Contact information/phone number:

Do you hold any Wine or Spirits Certifications:

Current Employer:

Please answer three of the following questions. Each answer requires a minimum of 100 words per response:

- What person or persons in the wine and spirits industry do you most admire, and why?
- What led to your interest in the world of wine and spirits?
- What is your long-term goal in the hospitality industry? How would a CSW/CSS help you achieve this goal?
- How do you feel you could benefit from a professional certification, as offered by the Society of Wine Educators?
- What do you believe has to happen in order for the wine and spirits industry (of North America) to become more equitable and inclusive? What can be done at an individual level?

To apply: please email your contact information and responses to Vanessa Brandenburg, General Manager, at vbrandenburg@societyofwineeducators.org.

All scholarship winners will be listed on the SWE Website and will be required to submit a photo with a bio/blurb/testimonial.