



2012 Cheesemaker Scholarship Application

The American Cheese Education Foundation, in conjunction with the American Cheese Society (ACS), will be awarding full and partial scholarships to cheesemakers to attend the 29th Annual Conference & Competition in Raleigh, North Carolina, August 1-4, 2012.

Each applicant must meet the following qualifications:

- Demonstrate financial need
- Hold a 2012 ACS membership

Preference will be given to applicants who have never attended an ACS Conference. If you have attended an ACS Conference, please include a page explaining your circumstances for applying for a scholarship this year.

Applicants will be selected by the ACS Scholarship Committee and will receive written notification of their selection by April 30, 2012.

The amount of the award may vary based on full or partial awards, and is determined by the Committee and the balance in the fund.

Full Scholarship recipients receive four nights' hotel accommodation in Raleigh, up to \$500 toward travel expenses (reimbursed upon submission of a post-conference essay), and a complimentary conference registration. Partial Scholarships provide a complimentary conference registration.

Responsibilities of recipients:

- Each applicant must attend the entire length of the ACS Conference.
- In case an applicant is unable to attend, the award must be returned. The applicant may re-apply to attend a future conference.
- The award is not transferable.
- Completed applications, **including** resumé, essay, and letter of recommendation from an ACS member, must be received in the ACS office postmarked no later than March 30, 2012.

(incomplete applications will not be considered)

Scholarship Application

Please type or clearly print all information: (attach additional sheets if necessary)

Name _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Position _____ Years in current position _____

Have you attended a previous ACS Conference? _____ If so, when? _____

Submit a one to two-page essay addressing the following questions:

- How long have you been making cheese? Please describe your cheesemaking experience.
- Describe your current responsibilities. What type(s) of cheese do you make? What is your average weekly production?
- Describe your passion for the cheesemaking industry.
- How will attending the ACS Conference benefit you as an individual? Your company? What value do you expect to gain from attending?

Submit a letter of recommendation from an active ACS member.

If not selected for a full scholarship, a partial scholarship would be useful to me (please check box): Yes No

I understand that one basis for this award is financial need. I hereby apply for an ACS Cheesemaker Scholarship based on my inability, or that of my company, to pay for my attendance at the ACS Conference.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____