



## **Benefits of Student Membership**

### **Education**

- **Attend the annual ACS Conference at a reduced registration rate**  
Join over 1,000 industry professionals for networking, educational sessions, and sampling award-winning cheeses at Meet the Cheesemaker and the Festival of Cheese. The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual ACS Conference & Competition will be held July 29 – August 1, 2014 in Providence, RI.
- **Eligibility to apply for an ACS Conference Scholarship**  
If you've never attended the ACS Conference, you are eligible to apply for an ACS Conference Student Scholarship. Full scholarship recipients receive a complimentary ACS Conference Registration, up to 4 nights' lodging in the conference host city, and up to \$600 in travel reimbursements. Partial scholarship recipients receive a complimentary ACS Conference Registration. For more details, go to [www.cheesesociety.org/conference/scholarships](http://www.cheesesociety.org/conference/scholarships). Scholarships are due by **March 31**.
- **Free educational webinars throughout year, and access to online archive of prior webinars**  
Webinars are available to educate members from the comfort of their home or office and can be located in the members-only section of the ACS website. Titles include "Food Safety for Farmers' Market Vendors," "Understanding the Joint FDA/Health Canada Assessment of the Risk of Listeriosis from Soft-Ripened Cheese," and "Surviving a Recall."
- **Online resources such as historical conference session handouts, HACCP templates, Inspection Preparedness Plans, and Crisis Management Toolkit**  
Utilize ACS's many online resources, available only to members! Previous conference session handouts are archived, including "Strategic Planning for Small Businesses," "Seasonality for Small Cheesemakers," "Everyone Likes a Good Deal: Managing Successful Promotions," and "Terroir Taste in Artisan Cheese: Myth or Reality." The Inspection Preparedness Plans include information about preparing for and managing an FDA preliminary audit inspection, a regulatory inspection standard operation procedures template, and details on the Food Safety Modernization Act. The Crisis Management Toolkit includes real case studies, the basics of crisis planning, a "first 24 hours" worksheet, and messaging guidelines and templates.
- **Special e-membership rate for American Dairy Science Association**  
Join the American Dairy Science Association for 50% off the ADSA professional membership dues. Benefits of ADSA membership includes electronic access to the *Journal of Dairy Science*<sup>®</sup>, access to Joint Annual Meeting symposia from 2003-2013, and access to searchable Joint Annual Meeting abstracts from 1998-2009.
- **10% off ServSafe<sup>®</sup> Manager Food Safety online course and exam**  
Gain the knowledge you need to keep your customers safe by taking the National Restaurant Association's ServSafe Manager Food Safety online course. You will learn about time and temperature control, preventing cross-contamination, cleaning and sanitizing, receiving and storing food, food safety regulations, and much more. For more details, go to [www.servsafe.com/manager](http://www.servsafe.com/manager). Contact the ACS office at 720-328-2788 for your discount code.



## ACS Involvement

- **Subscription to the ACS monthly e-newsletter, CheeseBytes**  
Stay up-to-date on industry news with our monthly e-newsletter, CheeseBytes. Our newsletter is also where you'll find up-to-date information on ACS, including Judging & Competition updates, details on registering for conference, and letters from the Board President as well as the Executive Director. You'll also find news about ACS members and the industry, as well as recipes and member profiles.
- **ACS Member Window Decal**  
All new members receive an ACS member static window decal to display at their facility or on their vehicle. Let consumers know that you're part of the leading voice in American artisan cheese!
- **Eligibility to volunteer on ACS Committees**  
Are you interested in volunteering your time on an ACS Committee? Go to [www.cheesesociety.org/about-us/committees](http://www.cheesesociety.org/about-us/committees) and if you see a committee you'd like to join, contact the ACS staff liaison for more details.
- **Access to searchable ACS Member Directory**  
Connect with the industry! Our ACS Member directory allows you to search for members by name, organization name, city, and state. This directory only lists individuals (with their organizations listed below), including individuals receiving benefits. Network throughout the year using this great resource.

## We ♥ Cheese

- **Cheese discounts at participating retailers**  
ACS members receive discounts on cheese purchases at participating retailers. Simply provide your ACS membership card, and receive instant savings! Go to [www.cheesesociety.org/member-discount-map](http://www.cheesesociety.org/member-discount-map) for the most up-to-date list of participating retailers and discounts.
- **Discounted tickets for guests to the annual Festival of Cheese**  
Share the cheese love! If you'd like to have a guest (or several!) join you for the annual Festival of Cheese at the end of each ACS Conference, you'll receive a \$5 discount off the general public ticket price. Ticket purchases must be made on the ACS website or on-site to receive the discount, rather than via a third-party ticketing service.