



## 2018 JOHN CROMPTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The American Cheese Education Foundation (ACEF), in conjunction with the American Cheese Society (ACS), will be awarding full and partial scholarships to retailers to attend the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual ACS Conference in Pittsburgh, PA from July 25-28, 2018.

Educated and passionate retailers are integral to the long-term growth of the American specialty cheese industry. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist attendees who might otherwise not be able to travel to the ACS Annual Conference.

### Award Details

Recipients receive up to four nights' hotel accommodation in the host city, up to \$600 toward travel expenses (reimbursed upon submission of a post-conference essay), complimentary conference registration, and a complimentary ACS Individual Membership for the current year.

### Required Materials

1. Application Form
2. Essay
3. Resumé

### Scholarship Qualifications

Applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Demonstrate financial need
- Must be a current member of the specialty food retail trade, exhibiting enthusiasm and dedication to the cheese industry
- Have never attended an ACS Conference

### Scholarship Recipient Responsibilities

- Applicant must attend the entire length of the ACS Conference.
- In case the 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.

### Notification

Applicants will be selected by the ACS Scholarship Committee and will receive email notification of their selection by May 1.

**Applications must be received in the ACS office via fax, email or postmarked no later than March 31.**

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in current position: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been working with cheese? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you attended a previous ACS Conference? If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

What type(s) of cheese do you sell? \_\_\_\_\_

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

- How will attending the ACS Conference benefit you as an individual? Your company? What value do you expect to gain?
- Describe your experience in and passion for the specialty cheese industry. Convince us why your passionate relationship with cheese makes you the best candidate for this scholarship.
- What drew you into the cheese industry? What do you enjoy most about your position? Is it full or part time?
- Demonstrate your financial need by clearly explaining why you need this financial help to attend the conference.

*I understand that one basis for this award is financial need. I hereby apply for a John Crompton Memorial Scholarship based on my inability, or that of my company, to pay for my attendance at the ACS Conference. I affirm that I meet all qualifications listed above and agree to the responsibilities of being a scholarship recipient.*

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