



# IWC EDUCATION BURSARY



The IWC is proud to announce a global initiative to help students further their education in wines and spirits.

In collaboration with the **Wine & Spirit Education Trust**, the IWC will contribute towards course fees for the **WSET Level 3 Award in Wines and Spirits** or the **WSET Diploma**. In line with the global vision of both organisations, and with the objective of stimulating diversity and inclusion in education, this bursary is offered to students who are resident outside the UK.

#### Level of Support

1. The IWC will contribute up to:
  - £500 towards course fees for the WSET Level 3 Award in Wines and Spirits; OR
  - £1000 towards course fees for the WSET Diploma.
2. The IWC is committed to furthering the wine knowledge of members of the wine trade. Every year, 'Associate Judges' are invited to taste alongside professionals where they receive first-hand experience of judging at a world class level. Though their marks are not included in the final score, this opportunity further enhances their knowledge of wine styles from around the world. Each year, the IWC Bursary Diploma student with the highest final score in their Diploma will be invited to be an Associate Judge at the IWC in London in April. Travel and accommodation will be paid for by the IWC.

#### Eligibility Criteria

1. The bursary is only available to financially disadvantaged students who are ordinarily resident outside the UK. Some markets are particularly under-represented or present specific challenges to students seeking funding. To address this, applications are particularly encouraged from students resident in Africa or South/Central America.

2. The bursary is only available to those wishing to further their existing education in wines and spirits. Therefore:
  - To apply for a bursary towards a Level 3 course, students must already hold the WSET Level 2 Award in Wines and Spirits.
  - To apply for a bursary towards a Diploma course, students must already hold the WSET Level 3 Award in Wines and Spirits.
3. The IWC seeks to support those who would not otherwise have the means of accessing educational opportunities with the WSET. Candidates with other means of funding (e.g. employer sponsorship) will not be considered.

#### Application Procedures & Deadlines

1. Candidates are responsible for identifying a suitable course at their local WSET Approved Programme Provider (APP). They do not need to enrol but must identify the course and APP on the IWC Bursary Application Form.
2. There are two application windows per year:
  - Phase 1: Applications open on 8th April and must be received by 5pm UK time on 7th May;
  - Phase 2: Applications open on 8th November and must be received by 5pm UK time on 7th December.

Applications must be submitted by email to [bursary@internationalwinechallenge.com](mailto:bursary@internationalwinechallenge.com)

3. Applications received outside these windows may be considered but priority will be given to candidates who meet the deadlines.
4. Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified via email within 28 working days of the closing deadline for applications.

5. Applicants must submit the following:
  - a. IWC Education Bursary Application Form;
  - b. Brief resume of career to date;
  - c. Documentation of earnings (12 months up to time of application);
  - d. Letter of motivation (no more than one A4 page) stating how the Bursary and subsequent completion of the Level 3 Award or Diploma will assist in career development plans. Applicants currently employed in the wine and spirits and related industries (e.g. hospitality) should include information as to whether they are entitled to any financial or other support (e.g. study leave) from their employers.
6. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

#### Selection

1. IWC will select candidates based on:
  - Eligibility (see above)
  - Demonstrated financial need.
2. In the event of there is not sufficient funding for all applicants, IWC will use the letter of motivation to differentiate between candidates.
3. IWC's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.





# IWC EDUCATION BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

Student Details	
Name of student:	
WSET Candidate number:	
Date of Birth:	
Address:	
City:	Country:
Email:	

Course Details	
WSET Level 3 Award in Wines and Spirits:	
WSET Diploma:	
Local cost of course required:	(Currency) (Value)
Value of bursary (up to £1000):	

WSET Approved Programme Provider	
Name:	
Address:	
City:	Country:
Email:	
Tel:	

Your Application Checklist
Please tick to indicate you have attached all of the following documents:
<input type="checkbox"/> Brief resume of career to date
<input type="checkbox"/> Letter of motivation
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of earnings
<i>The application will be considered incomplete if any of these is missing.</i>

Office Use Only	
IWC App:	
WSET App:	
Approved/Declined:	

Send this form to:  
[bursary@internationalwinechallenge.com](mailto:bursary@internationalwinechallenge.com)

**Terms and Conditions of Funding**

1. If granted, the bursary must be used no later than the end of the academic year following the one in which the bursary is granted. 2. Bursary students must submit a follow-up report summarising their experience on the course, reporting their results, and outlining their future professional and/or educational plans within 28 working days of receiving their exam results. 3. The IWC and/or the WSET may use quotes from Bursary students in their publications. If you do not wish your statements to be used for that purpose, please make that clear at the time of submission. 4. The IWC reserves the right to verify the authenticity of all documentation submitted. In the event that any information submitted by the candidate is discovered to be false or misleading, IWC will withdraw the Bursary offer or require the full amount of the Bursary to be repaid by the candidate.