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## **The Wine Society of Texas Announces Scholarship Grant Program**

The Wine Society of Texas will provide up to \$7,000 in assistance for the wine education, internship or field study, and appreciation of wine through education.

On Tuesday April 14, 2015, The Wine Society of Texas (WST), a 501(c)3 non-profit educational organization announced that it is accepting applications for its annual Scholarship Grant Program. In order to apply for the grant, individuals must be: (a) attending institutions in the State of Texas studying viticulture and oenology, or (b) pursuing winery internships in Texas, or (c) involved with Texas winemaking or field studies / wine education, or (d) involved in promoting the education of grape growing and wine making in the State of Texas. Grants may be given depending on the quality of requests in the amount totaling up to \$7,000 by the WST. The scholarship program is consistent with the founding idea of WST and its continuing mission to promote Texas winemakers and grape growers, enhance the appreciation of wines, foster the knowledge of oenology and viticulture, and support charitable activities.

According to Ms. Shirley Choate, WST President, "The WST Scholarship program offers financial assistance for tuition, books, or for related travel expenses for individuals registered or in a program of study with a Texas university or college offering accredited courses in viticulture or oenology. Financial assistance can also be provided for winery internships in Texas or for Texas winemaker studies. The funding for the WST Scholarship program is provided from charitable donations, local WST Chapter fund raising events, and various WST statewide wine events such as the wine education seminars. Our scholarship supports local Texas wine talent, which will be the future of the Texas wine and hospitality industry."

WST has awarded over \$37,000 in grants over the past 10 years. The awards have been used for a variety of purposes - research for the Texas wine industry including Pierce's disease, Wine Symposium and Conferences, financial assistance for students attending Viticulture or Hotel Management programs, wine sommelier studies, and authors on the Texas Wine Industry.

The WST will be accepting applications up to 15, June, 2015. All applications must be returned by this date, fully completed and with all necessary documents, to The Wine Society of Texas. Applicants are required to fill out the WST Scholarship Application, which will be reviewed by the WST Scholarship Committee. The committee may recommend single or multiple awards depending on the quality of applications received. All decisions will be final and applying does not guarantee receiving a grant. The WST scholarship award(s) will be announced in the summer of 2015.

For more information about the scholarship program or the WST please visit our website at [www.winesocietyoftexas.org](http://www.winesocietyoftexas.org).

The **Wine Society of Texas** ([www.winesocietyoftexas.org](http://www.winesocietyoftexas.org)), headquartered in Midland, Texas, was started in 1996 and received its 501(c)3 non-profit status in 1999. It has about 200 members around the State of Texas. The WST mission is: to enhance the appreciation of wine, especially Texas wines; educate the experienced as well as the beginning wine taster; promote the wine makers, and grape growers; foster the knowledge of oenology and viticulture; help in charitable activities throughout the state of Texas; and promote the responsible consumption of wine. It organizes events that promote appreciation of wine through education in a comfortable social setting. The WST offers annual grants from its Scholarship Fund to assist in wine education, internships and field training.

# WINE SOCIETY OF TEXAS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - 2015



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Institution / Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade point: \_\_\_\_\_ (provide copy of transcript as applicable)

Is this application for continuing education \_\_\_\_, internship \_\_\_\_, field study \_\_\_\_, or other \_\_\_\_ (check one).

If more room is needed for response in any of areas listed below, please append additional sheets, resume or related information.

Before applying, please review the list of requirements attached.

Summarize the proposed use of the financial assistance as it relates to grape growing, winemaking, wine appreciation, or wine education:

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Summarize your personal long range goals and relative importance of wine education as it pertains to the state of Texas:

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Provide a description of your relationship or experience with the Texas wine industry to date:

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Summarize relevant background and experience (include resume & transcripts):

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By applying for the WST grant you will be asked to provide a summary of the usage of the grant monies received. In addition, you will be asked to present at a local WST function or write an article for The Greater Houston Chapter newsletter. Do you agree with these conditions? Please check a response. \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No If No List Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fax or email completed application by 15 June 2015 to: The Wine Society of Texas, Ed Dent, Scholarship Committee Fax # - 281-379-4281 or direct email: [edent24@aol.com](mailto:edent24@aol.com).

## **WINE SOCIETY OF TEXAS SCHOLARSHIP 2015 APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS**



**Applicant must be employed, or studying to be employed in the Texas Wine Industry (wine making, grape growing or vineyard management).**

**Applicant must be employed, or studying to be employed in the hospitality industry in Texas (sommelier or restaurant manager).**

**Applicants are required to complete all parts of the application to be considered.**

**Applicants are required to submit a recommendation from a professor or educator.**

**In addition, all finalists will be required to participate in a 15 minute interview.**