The **Southern Wine & Spirits of America Wine Business Scholarship Fund** will provide two scholarships for undergraduate or graduate Wine Business Students at the School Business and Economics. The students will maintain a 3.0 or better GPA. The recipients of these scholarships will demonstrate through their application materials a current career (or plan toward a future career) in the wine industry, a strong work ethic, demonstrated human relationship skills and a passion for the wine industry. The scholarship will provide two $10,000 awards that may pay for tuition, books, fees, housing and other expenses to support the student’s career advancement and educational accomplishment.

**Eligibility Requirements:**
- Applicants must be enrolled or accepted for full or part time study in the MBA or Bachelor’s Degree program with a concentration in wine business.
- Applicants must have a minimum overall 3.0 grade point average (GPA) in their last 60 units of completed coursework.
- The recipients of these scholarships will demonstrate through their application materials a current career (or plan toward a future career) in the wine industry, a strong work ethic, demonstrated human relationship skills and a passion for the wine industry.

**Application Process:**
- Applicants must complete the application and provide all other documentation requested on the following page.
- **Application deadline for the fall 2016 award is March 11, 2016.**
- Selected applicants will then be interviewed by the scholarship committee of the School of Business and Economics who will make a selection and inform the stewards of the Southern Wine & Spirits of America Wine Business Scholarship Fund of their choice.
- Scholarship recipients may also be asked to meet with representatives from Southern Wine & Spirits of America Scholarship Fund at some point during their scholarship period and/or meet them at Sonoma State University’s Annual Scholarship Reception to share their story.
- Within 21 days of the close of the semester covered by the award, the recipient will send a letter to the stewards of the Fund, identifying key lessons learned during the award semester and explaining their impact and value for the student recipient.

**Funding:**
- The award will be distributed in two installments.
- The first distribution will be made during August of 2016.
- The second distribution will be made in January 2017.
- In the event that the awardee fails to remain in the program, all undistributed funds will be forfeited.
Application Form: Southern Wine & Spirits of America Scholarship Fund

Please submit this completed application along with:

- A cover letter explaining how and why you demonstrate the requirements of the scholarship.
- A current resume.

This completed application and all materials must be submitted together by 12:00 noon on March 11, 2016 to The Wine Business Institute, 2015 Stevenson Hall.

Contact Dana Swilley, (dana.swilley@sonoma.edu, 707-664-3347) with any questions.

Name: ______________________________________________________

Student ID: ______________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________

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Phone: ______________________________________________________

E-mail: ______________________________________________________

GPA: ______________________________________________________

Status: (circle one) Currently enrolled – OR – Accepted to start in fall 2016.

How many units will you take in the fall semester? _____________

How many units will you take in the spring semester? _____________

Have you applied for or are you receiving financial aid? * ____________________________

* Financial aid eligibility or awards will not impact the choice of scholarship recipients.

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Student signature     Date