The Vintage Wine Estates Wine MBA Scholarship

The Vintage Wine Estates Scholarship Fund is intended to provide financial support for one or more students working in the wine industry, who have been accepted into the Wine MBA program beginning in the fall semester of each year. The applicants for this scholarship will demonstrate through their application materials thoughtful professional goals, insight into the challenges of underrepresented populations in the wine industry and a desire to help others reach their goals as they advance in their career.

The scholarship will provide an award of $5,000 to pay for tuition. At the discretion of the scholarship committee, the award may be split between two excellent candidates, providing $2,500 to each of them.

Eligibility Requirements:
- Applicants must be accepted into the Wine MBA program beginning fall semester.
- Applicants must currently be employed in the Wine Industry or effectively demonstrate desire to join the Wine Industry.

Application Process:
- Applicants must complete the application and provide all materials requested.
- Application deadline for the scholarship is February 10th, 2017
- After review of the materials submitted, selected applicants will be interviewed by the scholarship committee, including as available representatives of Vintage Wine Estates.
- Selection for the award will be made in March, 2017 and publicly announced shortly thereafter.
- Before March 30th, 2017, the recipient will compose a letter for the Wine Business Institute and stewards of the scholarship, identifying key lessons learned during the first months of study and the impact made by the scholarship.
- The recipient will be invited to participate and is expected to attend a few meetings and/or events during their studies to share their experience with stakeholders of Vintage Wine Estates and the Wine Business Institute at Sonoma State.

Funding:
- The award will be disbursed in two installments.
- The first distribution will be made during the fall semester.
- The second distribution will be made during the spring semester.
- In the event that the awardee fails to remain in the program, all undistributed funds will be forfeited.
The Vintage Wine Estates Wine MBA Scholarship Application Form

Please submit this completed application along with:

- A cover letter explaining how you embody the qualities sought by the stewards of the scholarship at Vintage Wine Estates and why you are an excellent candidate for this award
- A current resume

This completed application and all materials must be submitted together by 12:00 noon on February 10th, 2017 to the Wine Business Institute, 2015 Stevenson Hall.

Contact Jessica Pozzi, (jessica.pozzi@sonoma.edu, 707-664-3235) with any questions.

Name: ___________________________________________________________

Student ID: _________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________

Phone: _____________________________________________________________

Email: _____________________________________________________________

GPA: ______________________________________________________________

Employer: __________________________________________________________

May we contact your employer for a reference? Yes or No

If yes, who is the best person to contact? ________________________________

Please include their phone number and email address: ______________________

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Have you applied for or are you receiving financial aid? _______________________

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