



Comté Scholarship for *Certified Cheese Professionals*[™]

Overview:

The Comté Cheese Association (CIGC) is thrilled to offer an exciting scholarship opportunity for the American Cheese Society's ***Certified Cheese Professionals*[™] (ACS CCP[™]s)**. Comté is a PDO (European Union Protected Denomination of Origin) cheese that has been made in the Jura mountain region of France for over a thousand years. The winner of this scholarship will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to the Comté region to learn first-hand about the cheese's unique history and production, as well as to discover the know-how and culture of the region. The trip will take place in June 2018 (dates TBC).

To apply, ACS CCP[™]s must fill out the entry form and answer a short essay question (see attached). The essays will be judged anonymously on the basis of knowledge and creativity by a panel of three judges, who will select the winner.

Scholarship Judges Include:

Dick Roe

Chairman of the American Cheese Society; Gourmet Foods International

Cathy Strange

Global Cheese Buyer, Whole Foods Market, Inc.

Max McCalman

Maître Fromager, Artisanal Premium Cheese Center; Author & Cheese Writer

Rules:

- Applicants must have passed the *Certified Cheese Professional*[™] exam as administered by the American Cheese Society.
- Applicants must be 21 years of age or older, live and work in the United States or Canada and must be currently employed in the cheese industry.
- The Entry Form (see attached) must be emailed to trade@comte-usa.com by **December 2, 2017**. The Required Information and Essay must be typed directly into the Entry Form or into a separate Word document and sent as an email attachment.
- Essays must be 500 words or less. All essays must be original.
- Essays will be judged according to knowledge and creativity. Essays will be judged anonymously, and judges will not have access to contestants' names or information.
- Winner will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to the Comté region of France in June/July 2018 (dates TBD), including transportation from a U.S. airport to the region and back, local transportation in the region, and hotel stays and meals during the visit. The winner will accompany a representative from the Comté Cheese Association and a small group of journalists.
- Winner will be notified by email.
- Winner must sign a publicity/liability release within 7 business days of initial notification or an alternate winner will be selected. They must also write a 100 word essay after the trip describing their experience.
- The winner will be featured in an upcoming edition of Comté News.
- Past winners of the Comté Scholarship for ACS CCP's cannot apply.

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Comté Scholarship for *Certified Cheese Professionals*™ Entry Form

The Required Information and Essay (see attached) can be typed here or in a separate Word document. Email your entry to trade@comte-usa.com by December 2, 2017.

Required Information	
First Name:	
Last Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Mailing Address:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Name of current employer:	
Address of employment:	



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Essay Question:

Please answer the following essay question in 500 words or less:

“Please describe the main skills and responsibilities a cheesemonger must demonstrate when dealing — from buying to selling — with traditional cheeses. Please use Comté as an example.”

Comté Wheel of Aromas

