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PRESS RELEASE

Fourteenth Annual Comté Scholarship for ACS *Certified Cheese Professionals*™

The Comté Cheese Association is thrilled to announce its fourteenth annual Comté Scholarship for American Cheese Society *Certified Cheese Professionals*™ (ACS CCP™s)! This special scholarship opportunity is open to all cheese experts who have passed the Certified Cheese Professional™ Exam. It gives CCPs the chance to win an all-expenses-paid trip to the Comté region of France to learn first-hand about the cheese's history and production, as well as to explore the Comté region and its culture. In addition, this year the winner will receive a \$750 cash stipend.

To apply for the scholarship, ACS CCPs must submit an **entry form with a short essay by Sunday, December 6th, 2026**. Click here to download the entry form: <https://media.comte-usa.com/essays/26-Comte-Scholarship-for-CCPs-Application.docx>. This year's essay question revolves around sharing successful techniques and personal insights around the sale of Comté.

As a long-standing member of the American Cheese Society (ACS), the Comté Cheese Association (CIGC) recently established a separate fund to sponsor applicants who have been accepted to take the *Certified Cheese Professional*® (CCP) exam and seek to attend the American Cheese Society's annual conference. The CIGC values their relationship with the ACS and supports their efforts to advance education in the U.S. Applications and information are available at comte-usa.com.

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The Comté Cheese Association (CIGC) represents all those who are involved in the production of Comté—dairy farmers, cheese-makers, affineurs—and carries out activities in all fields of interest to the trade, including research and technical issues, economics, information and communications, marketing, law and promotion of the Comté appellation, defense of local traditions and protection of the environment.