

**Graduate Scholarship Application**

New York State Cheese Manufacturers’ Association

The New York State Cheese Manufacturers’ Association is offering up to $5,000 for the year 2024-2025. The purpose of this graduate student scholarship is to encourage students to explore educational programs related to dairy foods science and processing, with a focus on cheese manufacturing. Scholarship applications for the 2024-2025 academic year must be received by FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2024.

Applicant Criteria:

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage students to explore educational programs related to dairy foods science and processing, with a focus on cheese technology and manufacturing and/or cheese quality.

1.           Students must be enrolled for the 2024-2025 academic year in fields of study related to food science, dairy science or other agricultural studies.

2.           Students must be enrolled in a graduate level program, with a focus on research or study of cheese technology, cheese manufacturing or cheese quality.

3.           All pages of the application form must be completed and returned.  A separate document responding to all of the application’s questions/requests may be used.

4.           Copies of transcripts from all applicable college or university courses completed must accompany the application.

5.           Two letters of recommendation are required.

6.           College/University Department Head where the applicant is enrolled must execute the following statement:

I hereby certify that (name of applicant)   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a full-time student in good standing at (school name)   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and is enrolled in a graduate level program with study focused on cheese technology, cheese manufacturing or cheese quality.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_      Signature of Dept. Head:         \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Send the completed application with all attachments/enclosures by Friday, November 1, 2024 to:

NYS Cheese Manufacturers’ Association

Attn. Graduate Scholarship Selection Committee

C/O Alexander Solla e-mail: [ahs24@cornell.edu](mailto:ahs24@cornell.edu)

or via mail:

4088 Cold Springs Road,

Trumansburg NY 14886

All scholarship applicants will be notified of the outcome by Wednesday, December 4, 2024. Please note: The scholarship(s) will be awarded at the NYS Cheese Manufacturers’ Annual Spring Meeting, March 3-4, 2025 in Syracuse NY.

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Personal Information:

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| Phone #: |  |  |  |
| E-mail: |  |  |  |

College Information:

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| College/University Enrolled: |  |  | |
| Address: |  |  | |
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| Current Level of Education: |  | GPA: |  |
| Field of Study/Program: |  |  | |
| Expected Graduation Date: |  |  | |

List any awards, honors, scholarships received, and publications:

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| Applicant’s Signature: | |  |

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| Summary of work experience (including summer internships): |  |
| List of extracurricular activities and/or hobbies: |  |
| List participation in community and college/university activities: |  |

In a few paragraphs, describe what drew you to dairy and what research, projects, extra-curricular activities you’ve pursued to make that highlight your passion for dairy and  cheese. Please describe how dairy-related activities, leadership responsibilities, and previous/current work experience may help you attain your future dairy career goals.

**Please limit your essay to 300 words.**