



## **Comté Scholarship for *Certified Cheese Professionals*<sup>™</sup>**

### Overview:

The Comté Cheese Association (CIGC) is thrilled to offer an exciting scholarship opportunity for the American Cheese Society's *Certified Cheese Professionals*<sup>™</sup> (ACS CCP<sup>™</sup>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 \$500.00 cash award and 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 2019 (dates TBC).

To apply, ACS CCP<sup>™</sup>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*<sup>™</sup> 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](mailto:trade@comte-usa.com) by **December 2, 2018**. 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 2019 (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](mailto:trade@comte-usa.com) by December 2, 2018.

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



*"To come face to face with a thousand years of cheesemaking history is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity. On this trip you witness the energy of land, animal, and people coming together to form Comté, one of the world's most exceptional cheeses. I will never forget this experience."*

*-Tim Johnstone, 2017 Comté Scholarship Winner*

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### Essay Question:

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

"What recommendations would you give a customer to help create a cheese plate that would best complement Comté? Please use only PDO cheeses. Please discuss style of cheeses, aromas, synergies, presentation, tools, etc. Feel free to include pictures."