



Information About the Chaîne and Our 2016 Scholarships

The Chaîne is an international organization with headquarters in Paris, France and is the oldest and largest food and wine society in the world. The American administrative offices are in Madison, New Jersey. About 80 countries have Baillages (Chapters) with over 22,000 members worldwide. The Chaîne was founded in 1248 in France, hence the name of the guild that was formed. It continued to be primarily a guild for chefs until its renewal after WWII when it grew to include restaurateurs, hoteliers, winemakers, and lovers of fine food and wine. The United States has about 130 Baillages and it the largest country in terms of members. Dinners are always accompanied by fine wines. More information is available at www.chaineus.org, the website for the U.S. national baillage (you can click on a link and get to the San Diego Baillage website), and at www.chaine-des-rotisseurs.net, the website for the international organization.

Our San Diego Baillage is very active with over 90 members. Our San Diego Baillage website is <http://baillages2.chaineus.org/sandiego/>. It has a listing of current events as well as previous events.

The Chaîne awards scholarships for the pursuit of culinary arts and enology/viticulture or hotel management in full or part-time accredited continuing education programs. The scholarships typically range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and the funds do not need to be repaid. All schools must be accredited, and offer continuous relevant hands-on, in person experience. As the money for the scholarships is raised by the San Diego Chapter, they are only awarded to people who are connected to San Diego by school, work, or recent involvement in food or wine or hotel management in the area. The scholarship money may be used for study within or outside of San Diego County.

The scholarship funds will be sent directly to the school the successful applicant is or will be attending. All applicants are responsible for supplying their contact information at the time they submit the application, and again, after they start school, including addresses, home and cell phone numbers and email addresses.

Successful applicants are also required to supply the name of the school along with the name, title, and mailing address of the person at the school to whom a check will be sent.

This application must be accurately and completely filled out, along with the statement, resume, and letters of recommendation in order to be considered.

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