



**COURT OF MASTER
SOMMELIERS OCEANIA**

2026

**DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND
INCLUSION SCHOLARSHIP
FOR WOMEN**



**ADVANCED SOMMELIER CERTIFICATE
AUGUST 18-22, 2026
SYDNEY NSW AUSTRALIA**

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The Court of Master Sommeliers Oceania's 2026 Advanced Sommelier Certificate Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Scholarship for Women is designed to foster diversity, equity, and inclusion within the sommelier profession. This initiative seeks to encourage a greater number of women to pursue formal certification at the Advanced level and beyond. The intention is to support those who may face challenges in accessing the Advanced Sommelier Certificate program, helping to reduce barriers and offer opportunities for advancement in their careers.

The Court of Master Sommeliers Oceania's 2026 Advanced Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Scholarship will cover the full cost of 2026 Advanced Sommelier Certificate program fees, and the successful applicant will be assigned a Master Sommelier mentor to support them through their preparations for the program.



2026 ADVANCED SOMMELIER CERTIFICATE PROGRAM DATES AND LOCATION

Date August 18-22, 2026

Location Establishment Rooms
252 George Street
Sydney NSW Australia

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship, applicants must:

- Identify as a woman or nonbinary
- Have successfully attained the Introductory and Certified Sommelier Certificates
- Work and reside in Australia or New Zealand
- Have not previously been the recipient of a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Scholarship via the Court of Master Sommeliers Oceania

SELECTION CRITERIA

In assessing applications, the Court of Master Sommeliers Oceania will consider:

- Financial need
- Applicants being from an under-represented group
- Applicants residing in a region or rural area
- Applicants who are not currently receiving mentorship from an Advanced or Master Sommelier

The Court of Master Sommeliers Oceania assessment panel will review each application, evaluating the applicant's suitability for the Advanced Sommelier Certificate program based on their readiness, prior work experience, career aspirations, and the listed selection criteria.



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HOW TO APPLY

1



PREPARE YOUR COVER LETTER

explaining why you are applying. Please ensure you address the selection criteria in your response.

2



ENSURE YOUR RESUME IS UP TO DATE

3



COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

Both your cover letter and resume may be uploaded directly through the online form.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you wish to apply for the 2026 Sydney Advanced Sommelier Certificate irrespective of the outcome of your scholarship application, you will need to submit a separate application form and upload your statement of motivation and letter of reference. Please contact us for further information regarding the application process for Advanced.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Applications close Friday November 21st at 5pm AEST. The successful applicant will receive notification by Friday December 5, 2025.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact us via email:
info@courtofmastrsommeliers.com.au

APPLY NOW



APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21ST 2025 AT 5PM AEST

