



Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a cost associated with the program? If you receive an AHIVOY scholarship and participate in the program, there is a refundable enrollment fee of \$75 due at the first class. The enrollment fee is refundable to you upon completion of the program. You will receive your enrollment fee refund at the last class.

What does the AHIVOY Scholarship cover? The AHIVOY Scholarship covers tuition and fees for the 17-week Wine Industry Professional Training program. Tuition and fees cover the cost of all in-person instruction and instructional support. Tuition and fees also cover morning snacks/coffee, and online access to class resources via Canvas. Additionally, tuition and fees cover a subscription and unlimited access to the online Spanish-English dictionary for the Wine Industry, WSET Level 1 training and certification, and the OLCC servers license training and exam. The AHIVOY Scholarship also covers a base salary stipend for every class attended.

What is the salary stipend and how is it calculated? The salary stipend (included in scholarship) is offered to reduce the burden of decreased income when committing time to education. The salary stipend is based on an average hourly wage of \$15/hour. AHIVOY recognizes that this average may be less or more than what some vineyard stewards are making. AHIVOY encourages vineyard stewards to discuss this with their employers if necessary. Vineyard stewards who participate in the Wine Industry Professional Training Program will receive \$15/hour for each class attended per month. Each class is 6 hours long. The daily stipend for each full-day class attended is \$90. Salary stipend checks are distributed by AHIVOY at the end of each month via mail.

When does the program start? The program starts on January 5th with a half day orientation. The orientation is mandatory. Students who do not complete the orientation will not be able to complete the program. During the orientation student registration will be processed and details of the program (schedule, resources, etc...) will be presented. Students will also be enrolled in the WSET Level 1 Certification Course and OLCC servers license course. The orientation provides additional resources for ESOL and Community Agriculture classes. Students will also log into their Canvas account to see where training resources will be made available. The orientation is a required part of the program and a salary stipend will be provided to attend.

I understand the classes are taught in English with Spanish support. What does Spanish support include? Spanish support includes a bilingual instructional assistant who attends every class. The instructional assistant is knowledgeable in the wine industry and is there as a resource for students. Spanish support also includes unlimited access to the online Spanish-English dictionary for the Wine Industry. Spanish support does

not include translation of class materials, however, some instructors are bilingual and may offer and/or provide some translation.

How long are the classes? Classes are for 6 hours per week. Classes start at 9am and end at 3pm. There are morning and afternoon breaks and a 30 minute break for lunch. Students are responsible for their own lunch.

Why should I participate in this program? You should participate in this program because you are a valuable member of the Oregon wine community. The work you do in the vineyard is integral in producing good quality wine. This program will further develop your technical knowledge and skills in the vineyard while also introducing you to other aspects of the wine industry. By learning more about winemaking, wine tasting, and wine sales, we hope you'll gain a greater understanding of how important the decisions you make in the vineyard are. You should also participate in this program to connect to wine industry leaders and professionals and learn about opportunities for potential growth in the wine industry.

Why should I learn about winemaking, wine tasting, and wine sales if I am only interested in working in the vineyard? Because everything you do in the vineyard impacts these other areas of the wine industry. Understanding how wine is made and sold will help you understand why certain decisions are being made in the vineyard. Understanding how wine is perceived when tasted will help you understand how fruit quality and winemaking decisions relate to vineyard management. Learning more about how and why consumers appreciate wine will help you understand how farming practices and vine tending are at the heart of every wine's story.

Am I expected to go to every class? We hope you will make every effort to attend every class. There is a lot to learn in 17-weeks and we don't want you to miss any of it. That said, we understand life happens. In order to officially complete the program and receive a certificate of achievement and qualifying CEU's (continuing education units) a student must attend at least 80% of classes.

What happens if I don't complete the program? By not completing the program, you will forfeit your enrollment fee of \$75. Upon completion of the program, your enrollment fee will be refunded in full to you.

Submit application no later than November 15, 2021 via mail or email to:

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