



**AWE BURSARY AVAILABLE TO MASTER OF WINE STUDENTS  
PROVIDED BY ASSOCIATION OF WINE EDUCATORS TO MW  
STUDENTS**

London: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008: The Institute of Masters of Wine is delighted to announce that the Association of Wine Educators (AWE) is again offering a £500 study bursary to an MW student for 2008.

The bursary is open to MW students from around the world as long as they satisfy the following criteria:

- they are funding their own studies (as opposed to being company funded)
- they are involved in wine education or wine writing / communication

Interested students should apply in writing by 31st of March 2008, c/o Peter Csizmadia-Honigh at the Institute, with a letter detailing their involvement in wine education/wine writing, stating why they are studying for the MW and what the bursary will mean to them. Please also enclose a copy of your curriculum vitae. Short-listed candidates may be expected to attend an interview if necessary with Susan Hulme MW, Chairman of the AWE, and other senior members of the wine trade and the AWE.

The winning applicant will be announced and presented with the cheque at the London International Wine Fair in May, 2008.

Siobhan Turner, Executive Director of the Institute, said, “We are very grateful to the AWE for this generous bursary, and for their commitment to the promotion of wine education in the UK. This will provide welcome financial support for a student following the Master of Wine Educational Programme, and we look forward to a number of high quality applications.”

Susan Hulme MW, Chairman of the AWE, said, “The Association of Wine Educators believes passionately in the importance of ongoing education at all levels. The Master of Wine qualification is recognised worldwide as the pinnacle of wine education achievement, and we are delighted to be able to support a student for the third year on their way to achieving this goal.”

### ***About the Institute of Masters of Wine***

The Institute of Masters of Wine was established in London, England, in 1953, since when over 2000 candidates have sat its rigorous examination in the art and science of wine. In 1991, the examination was held on the same days in the UK, Australia and the USA, a pattern that continues today.

There are currently 264 members of the Institute, from 22 different countries. Although membership was opened up to non-UK members for the first time only in 1987, 85 members now come from outside the UK. The vast majority of the students are now non-British, and the education programme is run annually in the Napa Valley, California; Melbourne, Australia; Rust, Austria; and Bordeaux, France.

Candidates come from all areas of the wine industry. The majority are active in a commercial capacity, as wholesalers, importers or retailers, from major multi-nationals to independent merchants. A growing number are involved directly with winemaking, while other occupations include journalism, public relations, the hospitality industry and wine education.

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### ***About the Association of Wine Educators***



The AWE is a UK group of independent, professional wine educators. Our members run wine courses, wine tastings, seminars and holidays for both trade and consumers. The AWE membership list is a resource of highly qualified, specialist wine educators not found elsewhere in the UK.

Members come from varied backgrounds with most having experience either in the wine trade, in education or both. Several members are active in the media as wine writers or radio/TV presenters.

Our members hold the WSET Diploma or have demonstrated equivalent knowledge in wine (some are Masters of Wine), and all have experience in presenting a range of educational events. They have been assessed giving a presentation. Further details are available on the AWE website: [www.wineeducators.com](http://www.wineeducators.com)