Comté Scholarship for **Certified Cheese Professionals™**

**Overview:**
The Comté Cheese Association (CIGC) is thrilled to offer an exciting scholarship opportunity for the American Cheese Society’s **Certified Cheese Professionals™ (ACS CCP™)**. 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 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 2018 (dates TBC).

To apply, ACS CCP™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™** 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 by December 2, 2017. 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 2018 (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.
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 by December 2, 2017.*

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

“Please describe the main skills and responsibilities a cheesemonger must demonstrate when dealing — from buying to selling — with traditional cheeses. Please use Comté as an example.”

*Comté Wheel of Aromas*