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ASVO Scholarship Program



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ASVO Scholarship Program

Introduction

Have you got a project or professional development opportunity that you need funding for? The ASVO Scholarship Program has been designed to support the professional development of members to undertake skills development and training that is relevant to their professional practice.

This is a competitive grants program. Applications will be evaluated by an assessment panel. This assessment will be based on funding priorities, demonstrated need and the funds available.

Applications must demonstrate:

- A clear and innovative plan for sharing key learnings with ASVO members and the broader wine industry.
- Activities or projects that have significant potential to benefit the wine industry.
- A strong commitment to engaging with ASVO and other stakeholders through the proposed activities

Preference for funding will be given to members who

- Have not received other forms of funding for the project or professional development opportunity applied for.
- Have significant out-of-pocket costs for the project or professional development opportunity applied for
- Are based in rural or remote areas
- Are members of equity groups, such as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Who have been away from the workforce for some time due to caring responsibilities, or those with workforce gaps.
- Are current or former refugees
- Have a long-term medical condition or disability
- Identify as LGBTQI+

Scholarship Dates

Scholarship applications open	1 March 2026
Scholarship applications close	30 April 2026
Scholarship applications assessed	29 May 2026
Scholarship Announcement	30 June 2026

Scholarship categories:

ASVO NextGen Scholarship

ASVO is committed to supporting the growth of the next generation of wine sector professionals. The Scholarship program is designed to support outstanding individuals who have identified a career path in the wine sector.

Five scholarships of up to \$1000 are offered for individuals to undertake professional education opportunities to enhance their leadership abilities, deepen their industry knowledge, and engage in collaborative learning experiences with peers from varied backgrounds and sectors.

The ASVO NextGen scholarship is supported by Wine Australia, with levies from Australia's grape growers and winemakers and matching funds from the Australian Government.

Open to	Early-career individuals including Rootling's
Minimum ASVO membership	1-Year
Project / Course completion	12 months
Scholarships available	Five scholarships of up to \$1000 per applicant are available with a total pool of \$5,000 of funding per financial year.
You can apply for	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mentoring• Short courses, including related business courses• Work placement• Masterclasses• Workshops• Attendance at conferences or seminars



ASVO Growth Scholarship

The ASVO mid-career scholarship supports mid-career members with a minimum of five years in the wine industry. It aims to advance professional development opportunities. The scholarship awards activities such as attending a management or leadership course; a study tour; conferences, publishing research, or a combination of these.

Open to	Individuals
Minimum ASVO membership	3-Years
Project / Course completion	12 months
Scholarships available	Two of up to \$2500 per applicant are available with a total pool of \$5,000 of funding per financial year.
You can apply for	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Article page charges• Mentoring• Short courses, including related business courses• Work placement• Masterclasses• Workshops• Travel costs to attend international conferences or seminars



ASVO Dr Patrick Iland Scholarship

Patrick Iland OAM has been involved in teaching, publishing, and research in the areas of grape and wine chemistry for over 40 years. His books on Chemical analysis & Microanalysis of grapes & wines and monitoring of the Winemaking process cover the standard practices all wineries should adopt in preventative discipline and quality monitoring. Co-authors of Patrick Iland's books for oenology students, lab staff, winemakers, viticulturists and wine enthusiasts include prominent researchers, laboratory experts, winemakers, industry experts and an MW. Dr Iland's publications illustrate the depth of technical knowledge prevalent and shared across the Australian Wine Industry.

The ASVO Dr Patrick Iland Scholarship is supported by Dr Patrick Iland and co-authors David Bruer, Nick Bruer, Sue Caloghiris, Greg Edwards, Andrew Ewart, Chris Ford, Andrew Markidis, John Sitters & Eric Wilkes, who have donated their royalty share of technical books to ASVO.

Open to	Individuals & small-to-medium organisations can apply for projects that focus on professional development opportunities for individuals or will benefit a cohort of members.
Minimum ASVO membership	5-Years
Project / Course completion	12 months
Scholarships available	One up to \$5000 per applicant is available with a total pool of \$5,000 of funding per financial year.
You can apply for	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Article page charges• Short courses, including related business courses• Work placement• Masterclasses• Attendance at conferences or seminars



Scholarship Application Criteria

1. Core Application Information

Project Information:

Applicants must provide a clear and concise background about what they want the scholarship for, including:

- A statement of intent outlining the purpose of the scholarship application and its relevance to their career and the wine industry.

Details to Aid Judging:

To assist the selection committee in making an informed decision, applicants should include:

- Specific objectives of the proposed activity or project.
- Anticipated outcomes and how these align with the goals of the scholarship.
- Any challenges or risks anticipated and plans to address them.

2. Communication and Extension

Plan for Knowledge Sharing:

Applicants must provide a detailed communication and extension plan that outlines how they will share the knowledge or skills acquired through the scholarship. The plan should address:

- Innovative methods to disseminate insights, such as workshops, webinars, articles, or social media campaigns.
- Target audiences within the wine industry and broader community.

Engagement with ASVO and the Industry:

Details on how the applicant intends to:

- Share outcomes with ASVO members, through presentations, reports, or participation in events.
- Broaden the impact by involving other industry stakeholders.
- Applicants will be expected to provide key learnings obtained through the scholarship funding to ASVO members. How they plan to achieve this must be included in the application.

3. Budget

Planned Costs:

- Applicants must provide a comprehensive budget that includes:
- Itemized costs associated with the project or educational activity (e.g., travel, accommodation, materials, tuition fees, etc.).

- A breakdown of funding requested from the scholarship and any additional financial contributions from other sources.

Transparency:

The budget should demonstrate:

- Justification for each cost item.
- Evidence of value for money and alignment with scholarship objectives.

4. Letters of Support and Confirmation of Activity

References:

Applicants are required to provide at least two letters of support from individuals or organizations that can verify their credibility, character, and the value of the proposed activity. These should include:

- Endorsements from industry professionals, academic mentors, or employers.
- Evidence of the applicant's commitment and capability to complete the proposed activity.

Confirmation of Activity:

Applicants must submit documentation confirming their proposed activity or project, such as:

- Official acceptance letters, project agreements, or invitations.
- Quotes or statements from service providers (if applicable).

Ready to apply?

The application process can take time and effort. Make sure you understand the guidelines

Check you are eligible to apply for the scholarship

- you meet both the applicant and the project or program requirements
- your project meets the priorities of the scholarship program
- you understand your obligations if you get the scholarship.

If you can demonstrate a disadvantage or gap regardless of your background or how you identify then this will be taken into consideration in the final selection.

Download the application form [here](#)

You can use the form or create your own application provided you answer the necessary questions.

Once you have finalised your application and are ready to submit it to

<https://www.asvo.com.au/scholarship-submission>