

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS (SCIFTS) ANNOUNCES

The WAYNE BIDLACK SCHOLARSHIP AWARD for the 2026-2027 Academic Year

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Saturday, April 26, 2026.

The award will provide financial assistance to one (1) **Undergraduate** or **Graduate Student** who is planning to, or currently attending Cal Poly Pomona. A \$2,000 grant will be awarded to a qualified student who is planning to or currently working toward a degree in B.S. Food Science & Technology, or M.S. Agriculture-Nutrition and Food Science subplan.

The scholarship recipient will be notified in July 2026 and the award will be presented in October 2026, after the awardee submits verification of satisfactory completion of the 2025-2026 academic year's work and registration for the Fall 2026 term.

To qualify, the applicant: **1) must plan or currently attend Cal Poly Pomona, 2) was not a previous awardee of the Wayne Bidlack Scholarship, 3) is an IFT student member, 4) have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better (on a 4-point scale) and 5) submit the following to the scholarship committee for consideration:**

UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE CANDIDATES

1. Personal statement (1-2 pages) including:
 - (a) Current research, if applicable
 - (b) Educational/employment/career goals
 - (c) Financial need
 - (d) Grammar, clarity and organization (25 points max)
2. Current resume including:
 - (a) Academic history, honors and awards
 - (b) Employment history
 - (c) Professional organizations/positions held
 - (d) Charity/other organizations (25 points max)
3. Official transcript of all academic records *: GPA > 3.7 (25 points) GPA 3.3-3.69 (15 points) GPA 3.0-3.29 (10 points)
4. Two letters of recommendation from academic or food industry professionals, to be separately emailed/received by the Scholarship Committee by the application deadline. (10 points max)
5. Professional Activities Summary (emphasizing IFT and SCIFTS involvement) (15 points max)

How to submit application components:

- **Personal Statements, Resumes and Professional Activities: e-mail**
- **Letters of Recommendation: Have your referee e-mail from their official company or university e-mail account.**
- **Official Transcripts: Mail unopened official transcripts or provide access to official digital transcripts.**

* **NOTE: Unofficial may be submitted initially but official transcripts must be submitted prior to being awarded scholarship.**

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