

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS (SCIFTS) ANNOUNCES

## The PHIL BATES SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS for 2026-2027 Academic Year

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Saturday, April 26, 2026.**

The awards will provide financial assistance to **High School, Undergraduate and Graduate Students** planning to or currently attending both IFT and non-IFT approved programs. Minimum \$1000 grants will be awarded to qualified students who are planning to or are currently working towards a degree in food technology, food science, nutrition, Culinology®, or a closely related field.

Scholarship recipients will be notified in July 2026 and the awards 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 2025 term.

In order to qualify, the applicant must **be an IFT student member and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better** (on a 4-point scale) and submit the following to the scholarship committee for consideration:

### HIGH SCHOOL

1. Personal statement (1-2 pages) including:
  - (a) Educational goal/15 points
  - (b) Employment/career goal/10 points
  - (c) Financial need/10 points
  - (d) Overall write-up/5 points(40 points max)
2. Current resume including:
  - (a) Academic history, honors and awards
  - (b) Employment history
  - (c) Clubs/positions held
  - (d) Charity/other organizations(20 points max)
3. Official transcript of academic records\*:  
GPA > 3.7 (30 points)  
GPA 3.3-3.69 (20 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)

### UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE

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 (proof of IFT membership, 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 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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