

# Plumpton College Wine Scholarship Programme

## Criteria and Application Information

The Plumpton Wine Scholarships offer a unique opportunity to study wine production or wine business at Plumpton College, the UK's Centre of Excellence in wine education. Validated by the University of Greenwich and endorsed by WineGB, Plumpton's undergraduate degree courses provide an excellent foundation for those passionate about advancing the UK's growing wine industry. [Queen's Anniversary Winner](#), Plumpton College, has been delivering degrees in wine for more than 30 years at their 800-hectare estate in Sussex, England.

## Scholarship Value

The Plumpton Wine Scholarship covers 50% of tuition fee costs in year 1 and 2 of study (total worth of scholarship is £9,275).

- £4,637 per year of academic study (up to 2 years)

*Please note this is not a cash scholarship.*

## Eligibility criteria

There are two scholarships available for academic year 2026/27. Applications are open to candidates who meet the following criteria:

- UK resident or have the right to study in the UK
- Have applied for or been accepted to an eligible full time undergraduate wine programme at Plumpton College starting in September 2026 on one of the following programmes:
  - FdSc Wine Production and Business Management, or
  - BSc (Hons) Viticulture, Oenology & Business Management
- Be aged over 18 at the time of application
- Demonstrate a genuine passion for wine production or wine business/trade, with a strong interest in contributing to the growth and sustainability of the UK wine industry.
- Show potential for impactful research or innovation in areas such as:
  - Sustainable viticulture or oenology practices
  - Wine trade and business development
  - Regional branding and marketing of UK wine

We encourage applications from all backgrounds, in particular those who are likely to be underrepresented in the UK wine industry.

## Selection Criteria

Applications will be assessed against the eligibility criteria and shortlisted based on:

- Prior academic performance and potential

- A compelling personal statement outlining:
  - Career goals in the wine industry
  - Commitment to sustainability and/or impactful research
  - How the scholarship will support their journey
- References or recommendations (academic or professional).

### **Number of scholarships available in 2026/27**

Two

### **How to Apply**

Applicants must submit:

- A personal statement (max 750 words).
- A CV highlighting relevant experience or interests.
- Evidence of application or acceptance to an eligible programme.
- One character reference letter (optional but encouraged).

### **Deadline**

Applications must be submitted by 28<sup>th</sup> August 2026 via email to [heoffice@plumpton.ac.uk](mailto:heoffice@plumpton.ac.uk)

Please put 'Wine Scholarship Application – *Surname*' in the subject header.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an interview (in person or online).

### **Contact**

For more information or to apply, please contact the Higher Education Office

- [HEoffice@plumpton.ac.uk](mailto:HEoffice@plumpton.ac.uk)