Cobham House Vineyard Scholarship Award 2025/26

Supporting global majority students in the wine industry

**Cobham House Vineyard**

Cobham House Vineyard is a new family-run vineyard located in the heart of Kent. At Cobham House, we take pride in being one of the few ethnically diverse families running a vineyard in the UK. Our mission is to infuse diversity into quintessential British experiences, redefining what it means to enjoy English wines.

Cobham House is on a mission to break the mould of the traditional image of English vineyards, with a vineyard that reflects a fully inclusive modern society.

**Cobham House Scholarship**

Cobham House Vineyard has launched this new scholarship programme which provides young people from minority ethnic backgrounds within the UK with the unique opportunity to study undergraduate degree courses in wine at Plumpton College. Diverse talent is extremely important to Cobham House and the aim of the scholarship is to facilitate widening participation within higher education to students of marginalised communities interested in furthering their education in wine production, wine business and trade, viticulture and oenology.

[Queen’s Anniversary Winner](https://www.queensanniversaryprizes.org.uk/winners/growth-and-sustainability-of-skills-for-the-uk-wine-industry/), Plumpton College, has been delivering degrees in wine for more than 30 years at their Centre of Wine Excellence in East Sussex.

Bursaries of up to £2000 are available from September 2025 (£1000 per academic year).

To apply for this scholarship, please ensure you meet the eligibility criteria below.

**Eligibility criteria**

* This scholarship is open to UK residents from a minority ethnic background, specifically those from an Asian, Black, Traveller or other ethnic group living within the UK.
* You must start your degree course in September 2025, in one of the following undergraduate courses at Plumpton College:
* [FdSc Wine Production](https://www.plumpton.ac.uk/courses/fdsc-wine-production-foundation-degree-191/)
* [FdA Wine Business](https://www.plumpton.ac.uk/courses/fda-wine-business-foundation-degree-189/)
* [BSc (Hons) Viticulture & Oenology](https://www.plumpton.ac.uk/courses/bsc-hons-viticulture-oenology-bachelors-degree-192/)
* You must be aged 18 or over at the start of your course.

**How to apply**

Please complete the online application form by the deadline of 3 September 2025.

* Link to application form – [BURSARY APPLICATION FORM](https://forms.office.com/e/uvcpgMhDBz)

Hard copy application forms are available on request from HEOffice@plumpton.ac.uk

Once your application has been received you will be contacted and will need to provide proof of identification (e.g. passport) and of residential address (e.g. bank statement; utility bill).

**Selection process**

Applications will be assessed against the eligibility criteria.

Shortlisted applicants will be asked to attend an interview as part of the selection process.

**Terms and Conditions**

* All students receiving a bursary will be asked to feedback on their studies and experiences within 28 days of the end of each academic year.
* The bursary will be paid directly to successful applicants after six weeks of successful attendance in each academic year (£1000 in Year 1 and £1000 in year 2).
* Bursary holders must academically engage with their course and commit to maintain attendance of at least 85% throughout the academic year.
* Cobham House’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

**Queries**

If you have any queries about the Cobham House Vineyard Bursary, please contact heoffice@plumpton.ac.uk.

**Application Form – draft**

Sengupta Wine Scholarship Application Form 2024/25

**Eligibility criteria**

This scholarship is open to UK residents from an ethnic minority background.
You must start your degree course in September 2024, in one of the following undergraduate courses at Plumpton College: FdSc Wine Production; BSc (Hons) Viticulture & Oenology or FdA Wine Business
You must be aged 18 or over at the start of your course.
Terms and conditions apply.

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| Applicant Name and Surname |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| Applicant ethnic group, please indicate to which ethnic minority you belong | Asian, Asian British or Asian WelshBlack, Black British or Black WelshMixed or multiple ethnic groupsOther minority group, please specify\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Address |  |
| Email address |  |
| Course you are planning to study in 2024/25 | * FdSc Wine Production
* BSc (Hons) Viticulture & Oenology
* FdA Wine Business
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| Do you currently have an offer of a place on one of the above courses starting in September 2024? | * Yes
* No
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| Personal statement: Please provide your motivation for applying for this bursary (250-500 words) |
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| Please provide a brief resume of your education and/or career to date (You may submit a CV as part of your application) |
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| Checklist |
| The following documents are required as part of your application form* Proof of identity (e.g. passport)
* Proof of right to study in the UK (e.g. passport; EU settlement status visa)
* Proof of residential address (e.g. bank statement; utility bill).
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