

The Court of Master Sommeliers, Americas is dedicated to our community and supports the missions of the following organizations working to make this time less difficult for many sommeliers and other industry workers. Please continue to check back as we continue to post additional national and location initiatives.



The United Sommeliers Foundation www.unitedsommeliersfoundation.org

The United Sommelier Foundation is working to provide immediate financial assistance to sommeliers experiencing hardship due to job loss or reduced income during this time. The Court supports their mission, and asks you to consider aiding sommeliers across the country through a donation. Additionally, if you are a sommelier in need of financial assistance because of complications caused by COVID-19, you are eligible to apply for aid from the US Sommelier Emergency Fund at www.unitedsommeliersfoundation.org.



The Independent Restaurant Coalition saverestaurants.co

The Independent Restaurants Coalition (IRC) is taking a proactive approach to aid local restaurants across the country. IRC was formed to save the local restaurants affected by COVID-19 by bringing them together to create a united voice to speak directly to lawmakers making timely decisions about the fate of the restaurant industry; sign their letter to Congress asking for updates to the CARES Act, at www.saverestaurants.com.



United States Bartenders Guild

www.usbgfoundation.org

The United States Bartenders Guild (USBG) is committed to aiding the national bar industry through this difficult time. The aid includes beverage service professionals, including sommeliers in a time of need, the USBG National Charity Foundation offers opportunities to receive financial aid in times of crisis. Learn more about their COVID-19 Relief Campaign and grant program at www.usbgfoundation.org.



Restaurant Workers Community Foundation

www.restaurantworkerscf.org

Restaurant Workers' Community Foundation is an advocacy and action nonprofit created by and for restaurant workers. Their crisis relief fund to directs money to organizations leading on-the-ground efforts in the restaurant community, to provide zero-interest loans to businesses to maintain payroll during closure or re-open once this crisis has passed, and to establish a relief fund for individual workers facing economic hardships or health crises as a direct result of COVID-19.



California Wineries & Vineyards Sommelier Assistance www.cawinesnvines.com/blog.php?pageid=12

Understanding the severe financial hardship that many sommeliers are currently encountering, CWV launched the Sommelier Financial Assistance Fund to provide 50 deserving applicants with a one-time \$500 payment.



James Beard- Food and Beverage Industry Relief Fund www.jamesbeard.org/relief

The purpose of the James Beard Foundation Food and Beverage Industry Relief Fund (the “Fund”) is to provide critical financial assistance to small, independent restaurants that, due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) national disaster, have an immediate need for funds to pay set operating expenses and keep from going out of business. Our goal is to do our part along with federal, state, and local governments to provide for workers, sustain local business, reduce the financial impact on communities, and otherwise mitigate the severe economic consequences of this global pandemic.



CORE: Children of Restaurant Employees www.coregives.org

CORE: CHILDREN OF RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES is dedicated to serving food and beverage service employees with children. As the world faces the biggest pandemic in our lifetime, we want to continue to honor our mission by providing support to food and beverage service employees, with children, who have been medically diagnosed with COVID-19. Those in need can apply at <https://coregives.typeform.com/to/SnZmOQ>.



Restaurant Opportunities Centers United

In this time of crisis, Restaurant Opportunities Centers United is providing resources and financial assistance to restaurant workers impacted by the coronavirus crisis.

Disclaimer:

The Court of Master Sommeliers is offering links to these resources to assist the industry in which we all work in this time of crisis. The Court’s links to these resources do not represent an endorsement of any specific organization by the Court or a promise that any of the linked organizations will be able to assist under any specific circumstances.