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New Scholarship Fund for Oyster Master Guild Sponsored by Jetty Rock Foundation

December 4, 2023 – Brooklyn, New York – The Oyster Master Guild is delighted to announce the establishment of a new scholarship fund, generously sponsored by the Jetty Rock Foundation. For the 2024 calendar year, the Jetty Rock Foundation has committed to providing over \$3,500 to create and implement eight scholarships for the Level 1 Oyster Appreciation Fundamentals Online Course & Qualification Exam.

Launched in October 2023, the Level 1 Online Course & Exam features six video lecture modules addressing key oyster species of North America, oyster cultivation, how to evaluate and taste oysters, four distinct oyster opening techniques, oyster supply chains, and culinary and beverage pairings.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Jetty Rock Foundation to offer these scholarships. Our goal is to empower and educate the next generation of oyster professionals and enthusiasts," said Julie Qiu, Co-founder of Oyster Master Guild. "This program is a stepping stone towards a more knowledgeable and diverse oyster service sector."

With our mission to "create a world that gives a shuck," while supporting those who depend on the ocean for their livelihoods, we are proud to partner with the Jetty Rock Foundation in pursuit of these shared objectives.

These eight scholarships, available to eligible candidates, aim to further the Oyster Master Guild's mission by providing opportunities for individuals to enhance their knowledge and expertise in oyster stewardship. The Level 1 Online Course & Exam Scholarships are designed to support the growth of professionals in the restaurant and hospitality industry, as well as aspiring oyster and foodservice-based entrepreneurs.

Interested applicants for the 2024 scholarship program must submit their applications by January 31, 2024. Notification of scholarship awards will be made on or before February 12, 2024. For more information about the scholarship program and how to apply, please visit <https://jettyrockfoundation.org/pages/oyster-master-guild>.

About Oyster Master Guild

Oyster Master Guild is an international network of oyster sommeliers, oyster shuckers, growers, purveyors, and supporters who are committed to advancing oyster appreciation and service standards through education, training, and community. Learn more at oystermasterguild.com

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