Want to help support future leaders?

Your 501 C3 tax-deductible donation to the WFIA Educational Foundation will help empower the independent food industry of Washington State through educational and advancement opportunities for years to come.

Our nonprofit status makes us eligible to receive tax-deductible bequests, devises, and transfers of gifts in addition to monetary donations.

We welcome your calls for more information.

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The independent grocery and convenience store industries are only as good as employees. The smartest investment we can make is in providing future executives with the skills to remain competitive.

~ Jan Gee, WFIA President & CEO
**WHICH PROGRAM?**

**Retail Management Certificate**
Retail is a growing industry and the need for people with skills in marketing, management, technology, budgeting, and leadership is at an all time high. Offered online and at most community colleges in Washington State.

**Food Industry Management Program**
The Food Industry Management Programs at USC Marshall School of Business are designed exclusively for high-potential individuals of proven ability. Participants learn the business tools needed to achieve high performance in the food industry, understand the characteristics of executive leadership, and be prepared for the future of the food industry first-hand by USC distinguished faculty.

**Food Industry Executive Program**
This innovative program will enhance the participant’s business mindset while providing key knowledge and the latest strategic tools.

**Leadership Journey**
The IGA Coca-Cola Institute applies new technologies and insights that focus on the development of senior/middle management. Management and operational elements include customer service, strategic planning, family succession, time management, retail management and merchandising.

**HOW IT WORKS**

The WFIA Educational Foundation offers scholarships to reimburse WFIA member employers who provide financial support to employees attending one of our featured programs.

The foundation is made possible by individual donations and grants for the purpose of uplifting our independent food industry.

Who’s Eligible?
WFIA member employers and employees.

What’s Covered?
That depends on the featured program. For example, for the Retail Management Certificate, we will reimburse up to $250 per course for up to four courses per year. We will reimburse up to $1,000 toward associate costs if an eligible member enrolls in and completes the USC Marshall Food Industry Management Program.

Easy 3-Step Application Process
1. Complete and submit the very short and easy online application for WFIA Educational Foundation Scholarship reimbursement funds.
2. Register for and be accepted into a featured program.
3. Attend and complete the program with a satisfactory outcome to receive reimbursement up to the amount specified for each program.

**BENEFITS**

Learn valuable skills needed to succeed in management by continuing your education!

- Affordable Tuition
- Finish in as little as one year, you set the pace!
- Develop new skills
- Pursue career opportunities
- Scholarship opportunities

Want to Know More?
2. Send us an email at foundation@wa-food-ind.org.
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