

Friends of the Festival 2025

Benefit	MEMBERSHIP TIERS			
	Top Chef \$12,000	Grand Cru \$8,000	Five Star \$5,000	Epicurean \$2,000
Opportunity for complimentary rental Charleston Wine + Food Test Kitchen for Private Event	✓			
Reserved Table: opportunity to own a dedicated table at Signature Dinner, Lunch or Brunch (must be purchased during pre-sale; subject to restaurant limitations)	✓			
VIP Parking Pass (where applicable; by event)	✓			
Buy-out: opportunity to own a full Signature Dinner, Lunch or Brunch (must be purchased during pre-sale; unbranded)	✓			
Pre-sale: 24 hour private access to purchase tickets before any other Friends of the Festival tier	✓			
Pre-sale to seated events: Signature Dinners, Lunches, Brunches, Beverage Workshops, Hands-on Classes, and Excursions (limit applies to tickets purchased during pre-sale)	limit of 8 per event	limit of 4 per event	limit of 2 per event	
Pre-sale: Signature Events + Culinary Village (includes option to purchase Opening Night)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ticket Stipend: festival-wide (issued in the form of a Charleston Wine + Food gift card)	\$6,000 50% of membership fee	\$3,600 45% of membership fee	\$2,000 40% of membership fee	\$700 35% of membership fee
Complimentary Access: Amuse Bouche A Party for Our Partners (held during Festival kick-off; by invitation only)	6 comp invitations	4 comp invitations	2 comp invitation	1 comp invitation
Exclusive Access to Friends Only Event: A Sullivan's Soirée (October 5)	4 comp invitations	2 comp invitations	2 comp invitation	1 comp invitation
Exclusive Access to Friends Only Event: Winter Wine Lunch (February 1)	4 comp invitations	2 comp invitations	2 comp invitation	1 comp invitation
Complimentary Access: designated Festival Hospitality Suite	4 comp invitations	4 comp invitations	2 comp invitation	1 comp invitation
30 minute early access to Signature events + Culinary Village (Signature Events, where applicable)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Priority Waitlist: Sold-out Events	✓	✓	✓	✓
VIP Commemorative Gift + 20% Discount on Festival Merch	✓	✓	✓	✓
Webpage Recognition: Friends of CHSWF page	✓	✓	✓	✓
Concierge Service: Ticketing Advice Line and Purchasing Support + Festival Week Support	✓	✓	✓	✓
Preferential Seating: Reserved Individual/Small Group Seating at Select Events	✓	✓	✓	✓
A portion of membership is tax deductible	✓	✓	✓	✓
Payment Options: Ability to Split Membership into Two Installments	✓	✓	✓	✓

Let's Be Friends, Year-Round

Exclusive launch of the Friends of the Festival 2025 program.

Discounts on renewals are offered to returning Friends only, for a limited time. Limited memberships available, to ensure access to the most sought-after Festival experiences + premium service benefits during Ticket Launch (Oct) + Festival (Mar)



JUNE 2024

Friends annual kick-off event hosted on October 5, by invitation only.

Coveted pre-sale access for Friends to purchase from the full menu of ticketed Festival events, exclusively offered one week prior to public ticket launch. Historically, more than 50% of the 100+ public-facing Festival events sell out within the first week.



OCTOBER 2024

Friends of the Festival Winter Wine Lunch February 1. This event is a fun get-together for Friends to connect,

enjoy a top-notch dining experience and receive Festival tips + tricks, itineraries and more.



FEBRUARY 2025

The 19th annual Charleston Wine + Food Festival kicks off on March 5th at our Amuse Bouche pre-party for Friends and Partners only. Friends receive preferential seating, expedited entry at events and concierge services throughout the Festival to make your experiences five-star!



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CHSWF Programs | Impact

\$170 M
Economic Impact

\$535,808
Charitable Contributions

769
Grants to Support Festival Talent

MORE THAN A WINE + FOOD FESTIVAL

01 Culinary + Hospitality Investment Fund NEW

The fund will provide financial resources, mentorship, and opportunities for emerging and established culinary + hospitality professionals in the Charleston community.

03 Culinary + Hospitality Scholarships

Annual scholarships at high school, college and technical schools that develop future generations of culinary and hospitality workers with the goal of keeping quality talent local.

02 Culinary High School Scholars Enrichment Program

Combines public high school coursework with work-based + experiential learning in the fields of culinary + hospitality at one of the country's most premier wine + food festivals.

04 Annual Charleston Wine + Food Festival

Multi-day festival that celebrates the food + beverage culture of the Lowcountry on a national platform, with a focus on community connection, economic impact, and raising funds to support education + industry initiatives.