Update on Digital Grade Transfers and NWS Credentialing

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In the past, the Wine School of Philadelphia offered a special program to transfer student records into the National Wine School (NWS) system. This initiative ran from early 2023 until December 2024. During that time, we **emailed all current and former students multiple times**, ensuring everyone had the opportunity to participate.

Why did we offer this program?

- To align our records with **university standards**.
- To provide students with **electronic access** to their grades and certifications.
- To ensure your credentials can be **verified via LinkedIn and other professional networks**.
- To create a **seamless pathway** for students pursuing Advanced and Master-level certifications.

Is the program still available?

Yes, it remains available directly through the National Wine School, though standard administration fees now apply. **Current costs range from $100 to $300**, depending on the level of credential transfer. Here is the link: https://wineschool.us/school/credential-verification/

However, **discounts still apply for current members and students enrolled in ongoing programs**. If you fall into these categories, please reach out to us to confirm your discounted rate.

Why is it no longer free?

- The free and deeply discounted options were offered for nearly two years.
- We ensured wide communication so that every eligible student had the chance to transfer at no or minimal cost during that period.
- Moving forward, this is now part of the National Wine School’s regular administrative process and fee structure.

Do you need to transfer your certification to remain legitimate?

Not at all. If you choose not to pursue the digital transfer, your **sommelier certification remains valid** as long as you retain your **hard-copy credentials issued by the Wine School of Philadelphia**. Your achievements and education remain yours.

What are the benefits of becoming an NWS Sommelier graduate?

- **Digital Verification:** Your certifications can be verified by employers and networks online.
- **National Recognition:** Your credentials will be listed in the NWS system, recognized nationwide.
- **Professional Advancement:** This is essential for those pursuing **Advanced Sommelier or Master-level programs**.
- **Ease of Access:** Grades and certifications are accessible digitally at any time.

Ultimately, the choice is yours. This pathway is offered to enhance your professional visibility and academic record, but your certification remains valid with or without it.

If you have any questions about your status, membership discounts, or next steps, please feel free to reach out.