

**Henri and Ivy Cardinaux
Memorial Scholarship**
Sonoma Chambolle-Musigny Sister Cities, Inc.

BACKGROUND

Originally named the Henri Cardinaux Memorial Scholarship, Sonoma Chambolle-Musigny Sister Cities, Inc (Chamson), established this award in honor of one of our founders, Henri Cardinaux. The name was amended this year to honor the lasting contributions of Henri's widow Ivy, who passed away in 2016. The primary purpose is to support a well defined and scheduled educational objective while experiencing the rich heritage of French culture. This immersion in the "French experience" will uniquely combine the routine aspects of daily life with possible opportunities for "hands on" training in the areas of viticulture, enology, culinary arts, or other aspects of French commerce. While the purpose of the scholarship is to help support the educational enrichment of the recipient, the recipient does not need to be enrolled in any courses to be eligible for consideration. The purpose of the enrichment can also be related to the recipient's business or occupation.

Chambolle-Musigny

Chambolle-Musigny is situated in the heart of the Burgundy region, near Dijon. It finds its origin in the sixth century and is surrounded by some of the most famous vineyards of "Bourgogne." It is Sonoma's oldest Sister City, established in 1959 by local residents whose love of France and fine wines led them to propose what has become an enduring connection between our two cities. Today, Chambolle-Musigny has a population of about 350, most of whom are associated with the wine industry.

Henri Cardinaux

Our scholarship fund has been established in loving memory of Henri Cardinaux, who served as president of "Chamson" and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Sonoma Sister Cities Association.

Born in Paris, Henri moved with his parents to Morocco at the age of seven, where he lived for 17 years. He returned to France to attend the Fountainebleau Military Academy, where he earned his commission as an artillery officer. He later served in the French army during the Second World War. His wife, whom he married during the war, remained in Morocco with their two young sons.

Due to political instability in Morocco, the young family immigrated to the United States in 1948. With limited funds and possessions, the family soon discovered that, with Henri's leadership, the door to a new life was open to them. His strength of spirit, courage, tenacity and self-confidence assured the family in their effort to adapt to a new culture and a new language.

Henri Cardinaux was an outstanding man who won the admiration and respect of everyone who knew him. His charming and warm personality, great sense of humor, integrity, devotion to family and friends, and his brilliant intellect made a lasting impression on his colleagues and acquaintances.

Indeed, Henri left a legacy to remember. Despite the high level of education he achieved in France, his new country did not recognize his degrees; nevertheless, he was willing to start as an entry level mechanic in the airlines industry. He ultimately earned every rating and credential available on his way to acquiring a position on the engineering staff. He was known for his flexibility in dealing with his fellow workers, whether they were mechanics or vice-presidents. He proceeded up the corporate ladder, ultimately becoming the Corporate Maintenance Controller for United Airlines.

Throughout his nearly 50 years in the United States, Henri was equally proud of his French heritage and his American citizenship. Henri Cardinaux's life is truly an inspiration to us all.

Program Description

The scholarship committee will make the award based upon scholastic and work records, and a career objective that can be most fully and effectively realized by immersion in the French culture. After evaluating the applications, finalists will be selected for individual interviews. A recipient will be awarded the scholarship and may arrange their visit to France at a time that is feasible in their schedule.

The recipient will receive a financial award of \$2000 to be used for transportation costs and other expenses. Upon returning, the recipient will be asked to give a presentation about the experience to the Chamson Committee and guests within six months of returning. The Chamson Committee will assist in arranging this event.