



Les Dames d'Escoffier Grant for Non-Profit Organizations that Train Women for Careers in the Food and Beverage Industries - 2009

APPLICATION

Les Dames d'Escoffier is an international culinary society whose members are professional women in the fields of food, wine, other beverages, nutrition and the arts of the table. The organization strives to further the knowledge, education and appreciation of all aspects of food and beverage for both its members and the community. Its aim is to support women in related professions and to develop a networking system to broaden the opportunities available to women.

Les Dames d'Escoffier works to assist women interested in food-related work and to influence the hospitality, food and beverage service industries to grant equal opportunity and equal compensation to women.

Funds distributed through this Grants program are raised by Les Dames d'Escoffier and are designated to benefit women preparing for careers in food and beverage. Grants up to \$8,000.00 will be given to support programs at non-profit organizations such as community groups, schools, food banks and soup kitchens that train women to enter the food and beverage industries. Organizations need not necessarily serve women exclusively, but the proposed project must be targeted to benefit women interested in food and beverage jobs.

Funding may be requested for a variety of activities such as developing or expanding a program, purchasing equipment or materials, hiring experts to conduct training, or supporting women newly entering the job market in the field of food and beverages.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

The completed application is due by July 15, 2009

Decisions will be announced by the Board of Directors of Les Dames d'Escoffier on or by September 2009.

Grants will be awarded in October 2009 at the General Meeting.

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How to Apply

- I. Please complete and attach a cover page to the front of the proposal with the following information:

Name of Organization
Name of Executive Director
Name of Project Coordinator
Names of Members of the Board of Directors
Address of Organization
Phone Number
Fax Number
e-mail address
Website Address
Date
Signature of Executive Director
Signature of Project Director

- II. Proposal Narrative (maximum of 6 pages)
Background description of organization (goals and description, history, activities, etc.)
Budget and anticipated funding for 2009/2010
Sources of funding
Other grants received and/or expected
Statement of need
Project description
Overall project goal
Specific objectives
Specific ways women benefit from project or program
Project feasibility
Implementation plan
Project evaluation strategy

As part of the project description, please answer any of the questions that are relevant:

1. In what way is this an educational or "self-help" project?
2. Who will be eligible to participate in the project?
3. How will women benefit from this project?
4. How does the problem fit into the overall programs and purposes of the organization?
5. What are the major obstacles to the program's success?
6. How will the project be evaluated?
7. How will you know if the project succeeds?
8. How will results be monitored?
9. Will this be a continuing project?
10. How will the beneficiaries of the project be involved in its implementation?

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- III. Budget
Please include the following:
 - Itemized project budget
 - Other sources of funding anticipated for this project
 - Organization's annual budget
- IV. Proof of 501(c)(3) or (4) Status
- V. Supporting materials (newspaper articles about the organization for the need for this project)

Checklist

- Cover Letter
- Proposal Narrative
- Budget
- Proof of 501(c)(3) or (4) Status
- Supporting materials

NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT PUT APPLICATION IN A BINDER

APPLICATION DEADLINE July 15, 2009:

Mail Application to:

Les Dames d'Escoffier Washington, DC Chapter
Grants Committee
PO Box 1617
Washington, DC 20013-1617