

ASPIRATIONS GRANT APPLICATION

The purpose of the Aspirations Grant Program is to award a grant (amount to be determined) each year to empower and further business enhancement or culinary innovation to a non-LDEI SA or former member woman or 501(c)3 organization in the San Antonio, Texas Hill Country, or South Texas community.

Please note that all information submitted in connection with this application and reporting will remain confidential.

All Aspiration Grant Committee members have signed Non-Disclosure Agreements.

Grant Eligibility – Grant applicants must meet the following criteria and include appropriate materials with application:

- *Must be a non-LDEI SA member or former member woman or 501(c)3 organization specializing in the areas of food, beverage, agriculture, hospitality or arts of the table who resides in San Antonio, Texas Hill Country or South Texas.*
- *Must be a citizen of the United States of America.*
- *Must demonstrate how the grant will be used for culinary development or innovation in her respective field.*
- *Must demonstrate community giveback and/or support the initiative will have on the community.*
- *Must provide three (3) written reference letters as to why the individual should receive an Aspirations Grant and detail the reference's relationship with the individual.*
- *Must be operating a business or project in relationship to the culinary innovation for at least a year. Must represent fiduciary responsibility and transparency in the form of cash flow statement, income statement, and balance sheet. Must be current with IRS and Texas State Comptroller.*
- *If selected as a finalist, agree to be interviewed by the Aspirations Grant Committee.*

If selected as Aspirations Grant recipient:

- *Must follow the reporting and accountability guidelines, including submitting two performance reports – one six months into the project, and the final at the end of the project, detailing how the grant was used to enhance business or project and the community benefit.*
- *Must attend the Aspirations Grant Award or Plate Changer ceremony on date appointed by LDEI SA Chapter.*
- *Must agree to participate in LDEI SA Chapter public relations initiatives to promote the Aspirations Grant Program, if asked.*
- *Must agree to presence on the LDEI SA as well as the LDEI websites and mutual promotion of the Aspirations Grant Program if asked.*
- *Must agree to allow use of video or photographs of recipient and/or her business at LDEI events, websites, Facebook, and all other types of media or public relations efforts.*

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LDEI SA Aspirations Grant Application

Name: _____

SSN: _____

Texas DL # _____

DOB: ___ / ___ / ___

Name of Business: _____

Business Structure: _____

FEIN: _____

Texas Sales Tax Number: _____

How long in business? _____ How many employees? _____

Are you a US citizen? Y / N

Who is your CPA? _____

Are you current with Texas Sales Tax, Franchise Tax and all United States Government Agencies? Y / N

Do you have a website? If so, list address: _____

Use additional paper for the following:

- Tell us about your business including physical and mailing addresses, email address and phone number.
- Tell us why and how you will use the money. Please note you must include current business balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement with this application.
- Tell us how you will give back to the community.

Deadline for submission: The application must be sent to the LDEI SA official post office box and postmarked by June 30, 2020, **OR** the information can be sent to our email address, and must be done by June 30, 2020 11:59 p.m.

Mailing Address: Aspirations Grant, Les Dames d'Escoffier, PO BOX 15302, San Antonio, TX 78212

Email Address: info@LDEISA.org, use *Aspirations Grant* in subject line, and enclose scanned application and other materials as an attachment.

Questions: Call Kathy Shearer, Past President, at 210-861-5346.

Decision will be made by August 31, 2020, and each applicant will be notified – acceptance or regrets – soon after that date. **NOTE: Please double-check that you have included all requested information. We do not consider incomplete applications.**