

Les Dames d'Escoffier
San Antonio Chapter
ASPIRATIONS GRANT PROGRAM

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 or non-LDEI member or former member woman or 501(c)3 resident in the San Antonio, Texas Hill Country, or South Texas community.

Grant Eligibility – Grant recipients must meet the following criteria:

Must be a non-LDEI SA member or former member or non-LDEI 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.

If selected as a finalist, must be interviewed by the Aspirations Grant Committee.

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, income statement, and balance sheet. Must be current with IRS and Texas State Comptroller.

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 web sites and mutual promotion of the Aspirations Grant Program if asked.

Please note that all information submitted in connection with this application and reporting process will remain confidential. All Aspiration Committee members have signed Non-Disclosure Agreements.