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ASPIRATIONS GRANTS AVAILABLE TO WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

San Antonio Chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier Opens Application Process to Fund Chefs, Farmers, Beverage Makers, Artisan Food Producers and Non-Profits Dedicated to Innovation and Community Giveback

The San Antonio Chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier is accepting applications for the 2022 Aspirations Grant Program from May 15 – June 30th, 2022. The purpose of the grant is to empower and further the culinary business improvements or culinary innovations of area women, as well as offer knowledge and community support from experienced chapter members. Aspirations Grant awards will range from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

Grant eligibility is limited to women working in the areas of food, beverage, agriculture, hospitality, or arts of the table who reside in San Antonio, South Texas or the Texas Hill Country. Applicants must have been in business for at least one year, and be a U.S. citizen. Complete information, guidelines and the application will be available at www.ldeisanantonio.org beginning May 1st; application deadline is June 30 of each calendar year. In addition to completing paperwork, qualified finalists will be interviewed by the LDEI Aspirations Grant Committee.

Grants will be awarded at the Les Dames d'Escoffier new member welcome on Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Seed money for the Aspirations Grant Program was raised during the first Plate Changer Luncheon held September 2015 and from an inaugural grant from the Goldsbury Foundation. Additional community support has come from Sysco Central Texas, Texas Beef Council, H-E-B, VPI (Vollmer International), Ben E. Keith, Frost Bank, CH Guenther & Son, St. Philip's College, Texas Dermatology and Laser Specialists, Aldaco's Restaurants, Rosario's Restaurants. Also supporting the grant were Bolner's Fiesta Products, Cakebread Cellars and many individual donors, chefs, restaurants, and food establishments.

For additional information about the Aspirations Grant or Les Dames d'Escoffier San Antonio Chapter, call Blanca Aldaco, Aspiration Grant chair at 210-884-0123 or email info@ldeisa.org.

Les Dames d'Escoffier San Antonio is a philanthropic organization of women leaders in the fields of food, beverage, hospitality and agriculture whose mission is education, advocacy and philanthropy. The organization is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.