

Etoile d'Escoffier Scholarship

Les Dames d'Escoffier International, San Francisco Chapter

About this Scholarship:

Les Dames d'Escoffier San Francisco Chapter is a chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier (LDEI), an international organization of women leaders in the fields of food, fine beverage and hospitality whose mission is education, advocacy, and philanthropy. Through events, programs and philanthropy, the San Francisco chapter of LDEI supports and nurtures the next generation of women industry leaders. Our membership includes restaurateurs, professional chefs, bakers, caterers, cookbook authors, food journalists, farmers, food retailers, event planners, winemakers and wine industry professionals, food publicists, culinary educators and hospitality executives. *This scholarship is to support outstanding students and recent graduates to achieve their professional aspirations and become the next leaders of our industry.*

Scholarship money to be used for: tuition, registration fees, books, uniform, tools, housing, transportation expenses, or any other school or work-related expenses.

Award:

\$1,500 annually, non-renewable
Personalized Les Dames d'Escoffier Stage

Recipients:

Two awards offered annually

Application Information:

Applications are available on Les Dames d'Escoffier (LDEI), San Francisco Chapter website. In addition to a completed application, each applicant must submit the following supporting documents: postsecondary transcripts (unofficial transcripts accepted; see below), essay responses, volunteer verification, and two letters of recommendation. It is suggested that students submit one scholastic reference and one professional reference. Applications must be mailed to the address provided and must be received by the deadline date.

Eligibility Requirements: the scholarship is open to female applicants who meet the following requirements:

1. Attend a California vocational school, college, or university majoring in the culinary or baking arts
2. Have completed at least one semester of instruction at the above vocational school, college, or university.
3. Have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
4. Have at least one full year of industry work experience

Notice of Awards: Students will be notified by email of any scholarship award or denial.

Renewal of Scholarship: Scholarships are not automatically renewed for candidates.

Revocation of Scholarship funds: Les Dames d'Escoffier, SF Chapter reserves the right to cancel any scholarship at any time if the applicant fails to meet the standards of academic progress, any other scholarship requirements, or falsifies information reported.

Application Procedure:

Application Deadline: December 1, 2019

Send the following items, postmarked no later than December 1, 2019 to:

Les Dames d'Escoffier, SF Chapter

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Les Dames d'Escoffier International, San Francisco Chapter

816 East 4th Avenue
San Mateo, CA 94401
lesdamessf@gmail.com

Contact: Dame Chantal Martin, Scholarship Committee Chair

Applicants will be evaluated on a 100-point scale based upon the criteria listed below. Only completed and signed applications will be considered.

Academic Grade Point Average (20 points possible). Points are earned based on the applicant's cumulative GPA. Latest unofficial transcripts accepted, subject to verification.

Cumulative GPA 3.0 – 3.29 = 5 points
Cumulative GPA 3.3 – 3.59 = 10 points
Cumulative GPA 3.6 – 3.89 = 15 points
Cumulative GPA 3.9 – 4.0 = 20 points

School and Industry Volunteer Activities (10 points possible). Points may be earned for culinary volunteer involvement for school and industry related activities. Examples include: community charity events, food pantry, cooking for disaster relief, volunteering for a culinary club, cooking at a homeless shelter, or volunteering at a charity dinner. Only activities performed within the last 12 months will be considered, with a 3-event maximum. Level of participation will also be considered in awarding points. Letter verifying volunteer service is required.

1 activity submitted = 3 points
2 activities submitted = 5 points
3 activities submitted = 10 points

Essay Responses (50 points possible). Complete each essay question listed on page 4 of this application. Answers must be a minimum of 50 words per question. Only typed responses will be considered. Content will be heavily weighted, as will writing quality.

Letters of Recommendation (10 points possible). Submit two letters of recommendation from industry, culinary professional and/or culinary educators. Family members are ineligible. Late recommendation letters will not be considered.

Quality of Application Package (10 points possible). Content is organized, well written and grammatically correct.

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Applicant Information

Application Date: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

School Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Major: _____

G.P.A.: _____

Current (or most recent) Employment - Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Immediate Supervisor Name: _____

Supervisor Email: _____

Supervisor Phone: _____

I hereby certify that the information I have submitted is correct. I authorize the release of this information to the Scholarship Committee and will provide additional information or verification upon request.

If awarded the Scholarship, I authorize permission to Les Dames d'Escoffier, SF Chapter and its subsidiaries to use the information included in this application for distribution in both printed and digital matter. I understand that I will not be compensated and that I may not be notified of each use.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date _____

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Essay Questions (please type your responses and attach to your completed application):

1. How did you become interested in the culinary field?
 2. What are your professional goals? What would be your ideal position?
 3. Specifically, what do you do outside of school and work to advance your culinary education?
 4. What are your three favorite cookbooks and why are they your favorites?
 5. Do you have employment experience in the culinary field? Describe.
 6. If you could have dinner with any one person, living or dead, who would they be and what would you eat?
 7. Describe a time you failed. What did you learn from the experience?
 8. Are you involved in any community service? Describe.
 9. How would a \$1500 scholarship make a difference or contribute to your culinary education and/or professional goals?
 10. If you could select a *stage* to further your professional growth, what would it be and why?
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