



Sonoma Chapter Membership Application

Les Dames d'Escoffier Mission: To inspire, advance and support women in food, beverage and hospitality to achieve excellence in leadership and philanthropy.

Les Dames d'Escoffier Sonoma Chapter (LDESC) is a professional philanthropic organization dedicated to the Mission and Guiding Principles of Les Dames d'Escoffier International.

To be considered for membership, please

- Complete and sign this Membership Application
- Review the LDEI Conflict of Interest Policy (separate PDF file) and sign the Conflict of Interest Statement on the last page of this document
- Provide a current résumé
- Provide a letter of reference from a member of Les Dames (current or retired from any chapter)

The LDESC membership process is our way of getting to know you and your intentions as a chapter member. Please submit the complete membership packet by May 31 to membership@lesdamessoco.org for our annual review process. Your application will be reviewed by the LDESC Membership Committee and an informal interview with a member of the committee will be scheduled in June.

Contact Information

Name:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Email:

Select One:

New Member

Transfer from chapter:

Dual Member with chapter:

Brief biography (3 - 5 sentences only for use in chapter directory)

Please describe how you meet each of the membership eligibility criteria:

Criteria 1: A minimum of 5 years of professional experience in the food, beverage or hospitality industry

Criteria 2: Leadership and excellence in your field

Criteria 3: Commitment to serving our community and volunteering for philanthropic work

Chapter Committees Members are required to actively participate on at least one (1) of the following committees. Committees are assigned based on skills and need with members rotating periodically. Please select the committee(s) of interest::

Communications
Events

Fundraising/Grants
Membership
Mentorship/Scholarship

Please share how your unique talents and experience will will contribute to the Sonoma Chapter (500 words or less):

I agree to

- Pay annual dues of \$225 by August 1.
- Be an active member of the chapter, attending at least 2 quarterly meetings and providing a minimum of 10 hours per year toward committee activities, fundraising and projects
- Attend the Onboarding Session on July 22, 2024
- Be an active and responsible committee member
- Be an advocate for Les Dames d’Escoffier International
- Become familiar with essential LDEI policies related to governance, business conduct and conflict of interest
- Do my best to live up to my commitment as an active member of LDESC by abiding by the LDEI Mission and Guiding Principles and the LDESC member requirements

Signature

Please type your name and click the box to specify agreement.

Date

LDEI Guiding Principles

The members of LDEI adhere to Guiding Principles that uphold the integrity, professionalism and outstanding leadership, which our founders originally established for the organization. LDEI is guided in its decisions and actions by:

- **Philanthropy:** We are committed to creating lasting change in our communities through focused philanthropy.
- **Diversity:** We celebrate the value of differences among people and cultures throughout the world, in our communities and in our Chapters.
- **Leadership and Professional Development:** We are committed to life-long learning, mentoring, career advancement and professional development for our members.
- **Professional Excellence:** We subscribe to the highest standards of professional conduct, ethics and integrity.
- **Innovation:** We are committed to assuring continuing relevance and influence in an ever-changing environment through adaptation, innovation and openness and responsiveness to change.

LDEI Code of Ethics

In order to uphold the integrity of the organization, our members adhere to the following:

Support the Mission/Vision/Guiding Principles of LDEI and abide by the bylaws of both the organization and her local chapter.

Will not use her membership or the name of the organization or her local chapter for her personal monetary advantage.

Never allow the membership list of the organization or her local chapter to be sold or used for merchandising, promotional purposes or commercial endorsement outside of the organization and its partners.

Sponsor for membership only those individuals known to her to have high ethical standards and professional stature in the area of food, beverage and hospitality and other fields as they relate to these disciplines.

Maintain the dignity and integrity of the organization and her local chapter by holding herself to its highest professional standards.

**Les Dames d'Escoffier International
Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement**

I have received a copy of and have read the Les Dames d'Escoffier International's Conflict of Interest Policy (LDEIConflictofInterestPolicy.pdf).

I understand the application of the Policy and agree to comply with the Policy.

To the best of my knowledge and belief:

- I have nothing to disclose.
- I have the following disclosure(s): Please indicate all relevant items and provide specifics below.

1. I have a financial interest in the following organization(s) doing business with LDEI (please list):

2. I am compensated by or as an officer, director, trustee or employee in the following organization(s) that are engaged (or soon to be engaged) in business transactions with LDEI:

3. I am an officer, trustee, employee or director in the following nonprofit organization(s) with purposes directly or indirectly related to those of LDEI.

4. I am an officer, trustee, employee or director in the following directly or indirectly related nonprofit organizations that receive financial support from LDEI.

5. I am performing (or bidding on) a professional service for LDEI, for which I will or may receive compensation.

6. Other (please explain):

Signature

Please type your name and click the box to specify understanding and agreement.

Date