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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**Membership Criteria**

* Women with at least 5 years of professional experience who demonstrate achievement and show stature in the food, beverage or hospitality industry.
* Women who support the Les Dames d’Escoffier International Mission, Vision and Basic Values.
* Women who meet LDEI’s ethical standards and have no undisclosed conflict of interest associated with their membership.

**Contact Information**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **City, State, Zip Code** |  |
| **Phone** |  |
| **Email** |  |

**Chapter Committees** To provide members with the opportunity to take an active part in the success of our Chapter, we have several committees. Members are required to join and actively participate on at least one (1) of the following committees. Please select the committee(s) you are most interested in:

* Programs
* Membership
* Communications
* Grants/Scholarship
* Nominating
* Fundraising

**In Addition**

* If I am a member of a committee or task force, I shall contact the chairs when I am unable to attend meetings and shall keep them informed of activities performed on behalf of the committee/task force prior to future meeting dates via e-mails and/or phone calls.
* I will assist in mentoring new Dames, when needed.
* I will be an advocate for Les Dames d’Escoffier International with organizations and individuals that may be able to assist in volunteering, fundraising or other supportive roles – i.e. in-kind donations (financial or food or beverage).
* I will become familiar with essential LDEI policies related to governance, business conduct and conflict of interest.

**Member Commitment** I understand the important role I play in the organization. I will do my best to live up to my commitment as an active member of the Chapter by abiding by the member requirements. I will also abide by the LDEI Mission and Guiding Principles as stated below.

**Annual Dues**

The annual membership dues are $175 ($100 LDEI and $75 Chapter).

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Your Signature Date

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Print Name

We accept applications semi-annually (January 1 – February 5, and May 25 – June 25).

**To be considered for membership, please email the following, by Feb 5 or June 25 to Membership Committee Chair Barb Abbott at** [**Barb@ExploreCityTours.com**](mailto:Barb@ExploreCityTours.com) **:**

* Completed and signed Membership Application
* Up-to-date résumé
* Professional letter of reference from Dame
* Signed Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement
* Signed Code of Ethics form
* A statement detailing how you will contribute to the Chapter (500 words or less)
* Brief bio (3–5 sentences to be used for member introductions)

*PLEASE NOTE: Late or incomplete packets will not be considered.*

Questions? Please do not hesitate to contact Membership Committee Chair listed above.

**LDEI Mission**To inspire, advance and support women in food, beverage and hospitality to achieve excellence in leadership and philanthropy.

**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.