



Les Dames d'Escoffier

INTERNATIONAL

Portland Chapter

## Application for Membership

**Thank you for your interest in Les Dames d'Escoffier Portland Chapter!**

Les Dames d'Escoffier Portland (LDEP) works to contribute to the vitality of the region in three primary ways.

1. Provide women in the community (non-members) with scholarships and mentorship to help them succeed in food, beverage and hospitality careers.
2. Provide educational programs for members and community.
3. Support community projects and organizations that align with our guiding principles <https://ldei.org/about/>.

Participation requirements:

- A minimum of 5 years of experience in the food, beverage or hospitality fields.
- A commitment to 4 or more LDEI volunteer hours in the calendar year.
- Attendance at a minimum of 1 event or board meeting in the calendar year.
- Membership dues of \$180 per year, payable to Les Dames PDX.

Your membership gives you access to:

- Chapter events including mixers, skill-shares, panels, courses, fundraisers and more (some events do require nominal fees to cover costs or to raise funds).
- Networking, support, and educational opportunities with/by current chapter members.
- Access to LDEI members (many pioneers in their fields!) in the U.S. and around the world.

We believe that historical practices in the food, beverage and hospitality industries disproportionately deny access and exploit the most marginalized people in society. Hence, we aim to uplift women, including immigrant women, women of color, women from working class backgrounds, and women in the LGBTQ community as the valuable and integral parts of these industries that we truly are.

We strongly encourage applications from people with these identities or who are members of marginalized communities to apply.

Please note that we use the terms *women* or *Dames* to include those who self-identify as a woman or Dame.

**See instructions on the following page. We look forward to learning more about you!**

Please respond to the following in a separate document.  
Submit the document with your resume to [LDEIPDX@gmail.com](mailto:LDEIPDX@gmail.com).

### PART 1 - Tell us about yourself

Below are the characteristics of a member. Please speak to each as it relates to you.

1. Achieved a positive reputation, and professional stature in the area of food, wine and fine beverages, hospitality, or related industries, with a minimum of five years of experience in her field of expertise. We are very excited to learn about what you do! **Tell us more about you and how this statement describes you.**
2. Dedicated to the education and advancement of, and assistance to women in these fields, including current Chapter members, scholarship recipients, and others. **How can you participate and support fellow members and mentor others?**
3. Committed to active participation in Chapter activities, involvement in committees, and support of fundraising efforts. **How much time can you devote to supporting chapter events and programs?**
4. Willing to support and work for the purposes of the Chapter through its Bylaws and Standing Rules (available upon request), as well as the purposes of Les Dames d'Escoffier International. **What specific activities/events would you recommend and spearhead to achieve the goals listed at the top of this application?**
5. A person of integrity, not using the organization for personal gain or profit. **Please tell us about a philanthropic activity that you participate in and support. Is there a particular cause or charity that really drives you?**

### PART 2- Resume

Your resume should detail at minimum the last five years of your professional experiences and any applicable education. Please feel free to mention all honors, awards, achievements or other such recognitions! Include your complete contact information, your business name if you have one and please include any professional websites and/or social media handles.

Thank you for taking the time to tell us about yourself. If you would like, tell us if you are transferring from another Chapter or were invited by another member. This does not affect your application either way.

*You will hear from a member within 4 weeks. Please reach out if you have not heard back as spam filters are always a risk.*

If you would like to attend a public mixer before officially applying, or would like to see bylaws and guiding principles, please check our [public calendar of events](#) or reach out via [LDEIPDX@gmail.com](mailto:LDEIPDX@gmail.com).

We encourage you to learn about the international organization and why it was founded in 1976 by food writer and philanthropist Carol Brock <https://ldei.org/>.

We are dedicated to a rich experience for all involved and welcome any questions you have. We look forward to meeting you very soon! - Your Portland Dames