

Les Dames d'Escoffier Kansas City Chapter



SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

- The Kansas City Chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier (LDEIKC) offers several scholarships of up to \$5,000 each to women from the Kansas City metro area (includes Jackson, Clay, Platte, Ray, Cass, Lafayette counties in Missouri and Johnson, Miami, Wyandotte and Douglas counties in Kansas) pursuing careers in culinary arts, food communications, food science, food and beverage, nutrition, wine, viticulture, regenerative agriculture, hospitality, or other culinary-related areas for 2026-2027.
- Recipients must have received a high school diploma, GED or HiSET as of May 2026 or before.
- Recipients must have a permanent residence in the Kansas City metro area but can pursue their education anywhere in the United States.
- New and continuing students are eligible.
- Recipients must be planning to attend, or are enrolled in, an educational program targeted to a degree or certificate from an accredited college, culinary school or vocational program at the post-secondary level. Scholarships are applicable for the school year, Fall 2026 through the Summer 2027. The area of study must relate to and support the recipients' culinary career goals.
- Scholarships will be awarded directly to the recipient's school in late summer or fall, and if applicable, into the next school year.
- Recipients must demonstrate a focus on and a passion to achieve their career goals and accept LDEIKC mentorship to further those goals.
- Recipients are invited and encouraged to attend at least one LDEI event per year and must agree to be paired with a mentor from the Kansas City chapter.
- To learn more about Les Dames d'Escoffier, visit: <http://www.ldei.org/> or follow the Kansas City chapter on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ldeikc/>
- Criteria for scholarship:
 - 50% Career focus and goals
 - 25% Recommendation(s)
 - 15% Academics
 - 10% Reflecting the values of LDEI, including community involvement, service and philanthropic endeavors

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TIMELINE, 2026

March 1, 2026 Applications are due and must be submitted in full by midnight, March 1. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. If mailed, the application must be postmarked by March 1.

April 10, 2026 Scholarship Recipients are announced.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

To be eligible, the completed application must include the application form, a letter of recommendation and the essay and must be submitted, in full, **by midnight of March 1, 2026**. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

The applicant's name must appear at the top of each page.

The email subject line must read: Your Name, Application

All documents must be completed and submitted as a Word or PDF Attachment and emailed to:

LDEIKCScholarship@gmail.com (Or mailed to LDEI KC Scholarship: Kathy Moore, 905 SW Sara Circle, Lee's Summit, MO 64081.)

2026 LDEI SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. NAME AND PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name of Applicant:

Home Address (complete with street, city, state and zip code)

Cell Phone

Personal E-mail address:

High school (name, city)

High School Graduation date:

High School GPA: ____

2. Secondary education

**Recent High School grads or those new to secondary culinary education

School you plan to attend: _____

Have you been accepted? _____ When do you anticipate starting _____

**Students returning to secondary culinary education:

School in which you are enrolled and currently attending _____

Secondary School GPA: _____

**All applicants: Anticipated Secondary School Graduation Date: _____

Current or Intended Major _____

2. ESSAY:

In a written essay in 1,000 words or fewer, answer *both* of the following questions:
The essay must be original and not generated by AI.

- A. What is your culinary or food-related career goal and how will this scholarship help you achieve your career goal?
- B. Go to www.ldei.org and read the "About us" page. Imagine yourself 10 years from now. How do you hope to incorporate these LDEI values into your career?

3. REFERENCE LETTER:

You must include a letter of recommendation from an instructor or professional reference with your application (or letter may be submitted on your behalf to LDEIKCScholarship@gmail.com.)

Please provide the name of your reference _____

How do you know this individual? _____

Contact information for reference: Phone Number

Email address

Do we have your permission to contact him/her if questions arise? __ Yes __ No

4. APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF VERIFICATION

I, the undersigned applicant, pledge that the information submitted in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I grant permission to contact my reference, instructor(s) and/or registrar at my school for information about my work performance and potential. I realize that the scholarship payment is paid directly to the school. In addition, I understand that, should I receive a merit scholarship, I will provide a photo as requested for use in press releases and other public relations that relate to the school I attend and Les Dames d'Escoffier.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

DATE: ____/____/____

Return the completed application, reference letter and essay as a **Word or PDF** attachment by March 1, 2026 to LDEIKCScholarship@gmail.com.