



Dame It! Dollars Micro-Grants for Women in the Food Industry

The [Minnesota Chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier](#) is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for our micro-grant program **Dame It! Dollars**. These grants are for the support and professional development of women in the food industry.

Minnesota Les Dames d'Escoffier (MN LDEI) is a local non-profit philanthropic organization of women leaders in the fields of food, fine beverage and hospitality.

Women in the food and fine beverage industries often face long hours, low-pay and difficult working conditions. These one-time grants aim to provide career support for professional development including, but not limited to:

- Short-term classes including certification courses
- Industry conference fees
- Professional uniform or equipment purchases
- Online courses

Dame It! Dollars Micro-Grants are offered on a competitive basis and the amount of each grant may vary depending on the specific amount requested and funds available. Micro-grants normally range up to \$500.00 and will be competitively awarded by a panel assessing the applicant's career goals, leadership qualities and perceived need. Grants may fully or only partially cover the fees for courses or equipment.

The application period for the 2019 awards will open Monday, January 7th, 2019! The deadline to submit the applications is Monday, February 11, 2019.

Eligibility:

- Candidates must be women currently living in/or employed in the state of Minnesota.
- Candidates must be focused on working in the food and fine beverage industries.
- Candidates must have specific career goals in mind in relation to the grant.
- Grant recipients are responsible for arranging for and initially paying for their request. Reimbursements will be made promptly upon receiving proof of the completed course, purchase or funding relating to the grant.
- If the reimbursement procedure presents a financial hardship, please give an explanation in your application.
- Grant recipients must agree to provide MN LDEI with a photo and short summary of their goals and use of the grant, for publication in the MN LDEI newsletter and possible future promotional materials.
- MN LDEI members are ineligible to apply.

Dame It! Dollars Micro-Grants Do Not Cover Funding For:

- Undergraduate or graduate school tuition
- Business debt payments
- Business salary payments
- Personal expenses (such as rent, food, transportation)



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2019 APPLICATION FORM

Submit Applications to: MNLesDames@gmail.com

Applications Due By: Monday, February 11, 2019

Date:

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Address:

Provide a detailed description of your request for micro-grant funds.

List the dollar amount applying for. (*Grants normally range up to \$500.00.*)

Provide a description of the need for these funds and how they will add value to your career.

Attach a resume or provide a description of your relevant food/beverage industry education, employment history and leadership skills, including any awards or accolades.

Briefly discuss your career goals.

Please provide the name, email and phone number of two references.