



Les Dames à Crochets International
San Antonio Chapter

**ASPIRATIONS GRANT APPLICATION FOR
WOMEN OWNED RESTAURANTS AFFECTED BY HURRICANE HARVEY
IN THE ARANSAS PASS, ROCKPORT AND PORT ARANSAS SURROUNDING AREA.**

The purpose of the Aspirations Grant Program is to award a grant(s) (4 grants up to \$5,000 for women owned restaurants affected by Hurricane Harvey in the Port Aransas, Aransas Pass and Rockport, Texas) to empower and re-open, re-build their business to a non-LDEI SA or former member or non-LDEI member or former member woman or 501(c)3 resident in the San Antonio, Texas Hill Country, or South Texas community.

Grant Eligibility – Grant recipients must meet the following criteria:

Must be a non-LDEI SA member or former member or non-LDEI member or former member woman or 501(c)3 organization specializing in the areas of food, beverage, agriculture, hospitality or arts of the table who resides in San Antonio, Texas Hill Country or South Texas.

Must be a citizen of the United States of America

- **Must provide three (3) written reference letters as to why the individual should receive an Aspirations Grant and detail the reference's relationship with the individual.**

If selected as a finalist, must be interviewed by the Aspirations Grant Committee.

- **Must be operating a business or project in relationship to the culinary innovation for at least a year.**
- **Must represent fiduciary responsibility and transparency in the form of cash flow, income statement, and balance sheet. Must be current with IRS and Texas State Comptroller.**
- **Must demonstrate how the grant will be used for culinary development or innovation in her respective field.**
- **Must demonstrate community giveback and/or support the initiative will have on the community.**

- Must follow the reporting and accountability guidelines, including submitting two performance reports – one six months into the project, and the final at the end of the project, detailing how the grant was used to enhance business or project and the community benefit.

Must attend the Aspirations Grant Award or Plate Changer ceremony on date appointed by LDEI SA Chapter.

Must agree to participate in LDEI SA Chapter public relations initiatives to promote the Aspirations Grant Program, if asked.

Must agree to presence on the LDEI SA as well as the LDEI websites and mutual promotion of the Aspirations Grant Program if asked.

Please note that all information submitted in connection with this application and reporting process will remain confidential. All Aspiration Committee members have signed Non-Disclosure Agreements.

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HURRICAN HARVEY RELIEF ASPIRATION GRANT APPLICATION:

Name: _____

SSN: _____ TXDL: _____ DOB: / /

Name of Business: _____

Business Structure: _____

FEIN: _____

Texas Sales Tax Number _____

How long in business? _____ How many employees? _____

Are you a US citizen? _____ Are you a Permanent Legal Resident of the US? _____

Who is your CPA? _____ Phone # _____

Are you current with Texas sales tax and all United States Government Agencies? _____

Do you have a website? If so, list address. _____

Use separate sheet for the following:

*Tell us about your business.

*Tell us why and how you will use the money.

*Tell us how you will give back to the community.

DID YOU INCLUDE THE 3 LETTERS OF REFERENCE?

DID YOU INCLUDE YOUR FIDICIUARY INFORMATION?

Deadline for submission: The application must be sent to the LDEI SA official post office box and postmarked by February 20, 2018

Mailing Address: Aspirations Grant, Les Dames d'Escoffier, PO BOX 15302, San Antonio, TX 78212

Email: info@ldeisa.org (good practice is to follow up it was received by LDEISA due to spam)

Decision will be made by on or about March 1, 2018, and each applicant will be notified - acceptance or regrets.

NOTE: Please double-check that you have included all requested information. We do not consider incomplete applications.