

# Open Call for BC Women to Apply for 2025 Food & Beverage Scholarships

**British Columbia – January 16, 2025**: Les Dames d'Escoffier International BC Chapter (LDBC) online scholarship applications are now open until February 12<sup>th</sup> (11:59 pm PT) to those who identify as women in BC interested in furthering their careers in the culinary, beverage, agriculture, aquaculture and other hospitality fields.

Founded in 1992, LDBC has awarded scholarships for over 30 years to support women who wish to further their careers through educational opportunities.

LDBC has up to \$30,000 to award in 2025 including tuition support sponsored by the Northwest Culinary Academy of Vancouver, Pacific Institute of Culinary Arts, Cacao Barry/Chocolate Academy, Pastry Training Centre of Vancouver, Snowcap Fund, Karen A. Davidson, the Fineza Family, and Two Rivers Specialty Meats.

## Eligibility

Scholarships are open to persons in BC who identify as women, of any age and at any stage of their career, who are looking to either refine or expand their expertise at a credible educational institution of their choice anywhere in the world.

Scholarships are awarded on merit, ability, commitment, and passion.

Applicants can be awarded a scholarship more than once, depending on the circumstance. If a woman's previous application was unsuccessful, they are encouraged to apply again between now and February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

## Scholarships Bringing it Full Circle

Christine Godlonton, Culinary Arts Program instructor at Vancouver Island University, was awarded LDBC scholarships in both 1994 and 2023 and has become one of the newest Les Dames members joining the BC Chapter in 2024.

Christine shares, "I am very grateful for the support that the BC Chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier has provided me over the last 30 years as a young woman just embarking on a career path in BC's culinary field with a ton of passion and then again as a mature woman who absolutely loves what I do. I fully believe in the work of Les Dames d' Escoffier and am proud to now be a member to bring my experience full circle to mentor, support and inspire our next generation of women leaders."

### **Important Details**

- The deadline for applications is February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (11:59 pm PT).
- Applicants must be BC residents.
- Applications are available online at <a href="https://lesdames.ca/scholarship-program/apply/">https://lesdames.ca/scholarship-program/apply/</a>
- Applications are reviewed and evaluated by the Scholarship Committee comprised of Les Dames members.
- Scholarship awards rarely constitute a complete tuition, therefore scholars must be able to provide the remaining funds through other sources.
- Successful applicants will be announced in March 2025.

Les Dames d'Escoffier International (LDEI) is an international organization of women leaders who create a supportive culture in their communities to achieve excellence in the fields of food, beverage, and hospitality. The organization's 2,400 members in 41 chapters in the US, Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, and Italy provide leadership, educational opportunities, and philanthropy. LDEI chapters raised and donated more than \$525,000 to community non-profits, philanthropic organizations and individuals in 2021.

To learn more about Les Dames d'Escoffier BC Chapter and its scholarship application process: www.lesdames.ca

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## **Images**

Images can be downloaded here: Les Dames BC Images

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