



Les Dames d'Escoffier Intl - Charleston Chapter

Mission Statement

The Charleston Chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier International is a philanthropic organization whose mission is to promote knowledge, appreciation and accessibility of food, wine, beverages, nutrition and the arts of the table within our local community and to assist women in careers in these areas through active mentoring and the funding of scholarships to accredited programs of study.

Membership Requirements

- 1. A member must have achieved distinction and high professional stature in her career and be knowledgeable in the areas of food, beverage, and hospitality, with a minimum of 5 years of professional experience.**
- 2. Members must support the mission of the Charleston Chapter of LDEI.**
- 3. Levels of membership:**

a. Active

- i. Active members are required to attend a minimum of 50% of all business meetings, and will have a vote in all chapter proceedings.**
- ii. Active members must participate on one of these standing committees:**

**Scholarship
Website/Email List
Green Tables
Fundraiser: Autumn Affair
Programs**

**Membership
Charity Liaison
Global Culinary Initiative
PR/Marketing/Social Media
National Conference**

- iii. Annual dues for active members are \$185, with \$85 going to LDEI international organization and \$100 going to the local chapter.**

b. Sustainer

- i. Sustainer members are inactive, non-voting members who are dedicated to supporting the mission and efforts of the chapter, but are not able to contribute with their time. Sustainers are encouraged to attend any and all chapter meetings and events, but are not held to the same attendance policies as Active members.**
- ii. Annual dues for sustainer members are \$285, with \$85 going to LDEI international organization and \$200 going to the local chapter.**

4. **Active members are required to participate in the annual fundraising event by doing one of the following:**
 - **Subsidize a table by providing/preparing food, staffing, and decorations.**
 - **Serve on one of the sub-committees for the event, with participation verified by the chair.**

***All members must sell 10 tickets to the event.**

***All members are required to donate one item worth a minimum of \$75 to the silent auction for the annual fundraiser**

***All members are expected to attend the event as a working participant.**

5. **Dues must be paid by August 15th of the calendar year in which they are assessed (September 1 if the member is a new member). If payment is not received by the due date, the chapter will assume the member has resigned from the chapter.**