



## Las Damas “Continuing Education Grant” Information

Budget provided Fall 2024; Apply early 2025 for school 8/1/2025 -7/31/2026

**Who Should Apply? High School Seniors, College Students, and Adults who are looking to further their education or change careers are all encouraged to apply.**

- A) Historically, scholarships have been awarded by Las Damas to individuals living in Sunset Beach, Surfside, Seal Beach, and Huntington Beach. This award is intended to be used at either traditional or vocational institutions (i.e. trade schools).
- B) Community Service must be *performed by applicant for* current or (if applicable) past community service. For those whose continuing education is out of the area, volunteerism in that community will also be considered.
- C) The award is to be used for students registered during the period of August 1, 2025 – July 31, 2026 and for academic purposes such as tuition, fees, room, board, and/or books.

**The grant criteria will be based on; community service, educational/career goals, and grades.** We will also consider the overall completeness and quality of the application. The grant monies are awarded based on the funds generated by the Sunset Beach Mother’s Day Art Festival.

- Student must be in good standing and have a minimum of a 3.0 overall grade point average.
- Student must submit a transcript from all schools attended with his/her application. Transcripts must indicate cumulative grade point average.
- Applicants will be contacted by the committee for verification of information.
- Adults, please include a letter of circumstances and explanation of goals. For example, if you require computer classes to help with new employment, we can help you.
- Decisions of the Committee, the Las Damas Board, and the membership vote are final in all matters related to the above practices.

Scholarship recipient selection(s) will be made without regard to race, age, gender, religion, political beliefs, employment status, or any other factor which could constitute unfair or illegal discrimination.

For more information, please call or text:

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## Las Damas Continuing Education Grant: Directions for Application

### Application Process & Timing 2025

- A) Information requested on the following pages must be completed by the applicant. It is to your advantage to fill out this application as thoroughly and honestly as you can. All information requested must be attached in order to be considered for this grant. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- B) Attachments to the application **MUST** include:
  - 1. First time applicant; two letters of reference. (Prior applicants “do not” need letters of reference.) One letter must be from your school or employer and one letter from a local resident.
  - 2. Adults applying for continuing education need a letter of reference from a local resident only.
  - 3. School Transcripts (if applicable); Minimum 3.0 GPA Requirement.
  - 4. Evidence of volunteer service in the community where you are now attending school is required.
  - 5. Adults who are returning to school to broaden employment opportunities must attach a letter of circumstance and goals.
- C) **Applications will be accepted beginning January 06, 2025, and must be emailed no later than 4 pm Friday, March 7, 2025 for consideration.**
- D) All applications will be acknowledged and you will be contacted by a committee member to review your application.
- E) Grant Award recipients will be notified no later than April 18, 2025; Winners will be honored and recognized at the Art Festival Reception at 6 PM on the Friday before Mother’s Day, May 9, 2025.

### I. General Information

- A) Disbursements of Grant Monies:
  - 1. Those receiving grants based on the traditional school year will receive one-third or one-half of their grant monies upon proof of registration for current quarter or semester (usually **August/September**). The remaining portion of the grant will be disbursed upon proof of the next quarter or semester enrollment and completion of prior quarter or semester courses (usually **December/January**).
  - 2. Those receiving grants for trade programs or for courses designed to broaden employment opportunities will receive the award upon proof of registration and explanation of the program.
- B) Grant Amounts:

Are determined by the scholarship committee and awarded to applicants based on; community service, educational /career goals and grades. Grants are funded by the profits generated from the Sunset Beach Art Festival.

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## Las Damas Continuing Education Grant: Application

All information is kept confidential and must be complete.

Please provide the following information (where applicable.)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone (cell):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Current Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone (home):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Marital Status:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Employer (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Position:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address of Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone of Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Hours worked per week:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are a past recipient, please list date(s) and amount(s) received in prior Las Damas Grants:**

**Year:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Answer "ALL" of the following questions in a brief, clear, and concise manner. Please, attach additional pages as needed following the same format. You must complete the following sections to be considered for our grant.**

- 1. TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF - "Why are you applying for this grant"?**
- 2. HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED** (attach most recent transcript if student):
- 3. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM YOU PLAN TO ATTEND** (Must include name and address of school, number of units you plan to enroll in during the academic year, and expected date of completion):
- 4. CAREER GOALS and ASPIRATIONS:**

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**5. COMMUNITY SERVICE (As explained on pg. 1 under *General Information*).**

i. Include and attach written verification of past and ongoing service, year of service, and a number for a contact person.

**6. OTHER INFORMATION**

- A) Where will you reside during the academic year?
1. Student Housing
  2. Parents/Relative
  3. Other

**7. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE US TO KNOW:**

*We thank you for taking the time to fill out our  
Continuing Education Grant Application  
and wish you the best of luck!*

***Please submit applications to the following email:  
jrdentzer@gmail.com***

***Applications must be received no later than 4 pm Friday, March 7, 2025 via email. No exceptions.  
Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.***

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