Las Damas Continuing Education Grant

Information

Budget provided Fall 2025; Apply early 2026 for school 8/1/2026 -7/31/2027

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 c*urrent 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, 2026 – July 31, 2027 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, during the entire school year and maintain it.
- 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. An example would be if you require computer classes to help with new employment.
- 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.

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Las Damas is a nonprofit volunteer community service organization of women based in Sunset Beach. Our mission is to provide contributions to aid in accomplishing the social, cultural, educational and charitable needs of our local community.

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Directions for Application

Application Process & Timing 2026

A) Information requested on the Application Form (separate attachment) must be completed by the applicant. It is to your advantage to fill out the 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 2026, and must be emailed no later than
4 pm Friday, March 6, 2026 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, 2026; Winners will be honored and recognized at the Art Festival Reception at 6 PM on the Friday before Mother's Day, May 8, 2026.

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 January/February).
   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.