



## Las Damas “Continuing Education Grant” Information 2015

**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 or Surfside. Recently, Las Damas widened its recipient area to include parts of Huntington Beach (more specifically to those living within 3 miles of Sunset 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*. Current or (if applicable) past community service in our community will be considered. 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 during the traditional academic year (fall through spring), and for academic purposes such as tuition, fees, room, board, and/or books.

**The scholarship criteria will be based on; financial need, educational/career goals, grades and community service.** We will also consider the overall quality of the application. The grants 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.
- 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 board 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:

Pat Taylor at 562.592.1642.

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## Las Damas Continuing Education Grant: Directions for Application

### I. Application Process & Timing 2015

- A) Information requested on the following pages should be completed by the applicant. It is to your advantage to fill out this application as thoroughly and honestly as you can.
- 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.  
Adults applying for continuing education need a letter of reference from a local resident only.
  - 2. School Transcripts (if applicable); Minimum 3.0 GPA Requirement.
  - 3. Evidence of volunteer service in Sunset Beach or in the community where you are now attending school is required.
  - 4. 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 1, 2015, and must be postmarked no later than March 13, 2015 for consideration.**
- D) All applications will be acknowledged. Grant Award recipients will be notified no later than April 15, 2015; Winners will be honored and recognized at the Art Festival on Sunday, May 10, 2015.

### II. General Information

- D) 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. 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.
  - 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.
- E) Grant Amounts:

Are determined by the scholarship committee and awarded to applicants based on; grades, educational goal, volunteerism and financial need. Grants are funded by the profits generated from the Sunset Beach Art Festival.

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## **Las Damas Continuing Education Grant: Application 2015**

**All information is kept confidential and must be complete.**

**Please provide the following information (where applicable.)**

**Name:**

**Telephone:**

**Current Address:**

**City, State, Zip**

**E-mail Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Age:**

**Marital Status:**

**Number of dependent in household:**

**Current Employer:**

**Position:**

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Hours worked per week:**

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

**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.**

**2. HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED** (attach most recent transcript if student):

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- 3. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM YOU WILL BE ATTENDING** (Must include name and address of school, cost of program, number of units you plan to enroll in during the academic year, and expected date of completion):

**4. CAREER GOALS and ASPIRATIONS**

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

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

**6. FINANCIAL NEED** (You may be contacted by this committee for verification of information).

A) Annual Income (Based on last year)

1. Self
2. Spouse
3. Parents
4. Other

B) Other Grants, Scholarships, Monetary Awards or Gifts applicant will be accepting.

C) 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:**

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*We thank you for taking the time to fill out our Continuing Education Grant Application.*

*We wish you the best of luck!*

***Please send applications to:***

*Pat Taylor*

*PO Box 296*

*Surfside, CA 90743*

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