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**Call for Entries to Women Food Writers for LDEI's M.F.K. Fisher Award
*Nine Cash Prizes Totaling \$2,450 Will Be Awarded***

NEW YORK (January 11, 2016) – **Les Dames d'Escoffier International (LDEI)** is awarding **nine** cash awards totaling **\$2,450** for its 2016 **M.F.K. Fisher Awards**. **In addition to \$1000 cash, the grand prize winner receives an expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., October 30, 2016**, to receive the award during LDEI's annual conference at the Fairmont Hotel. **Deadline for entries is March 31, 2016.**

Eligible entries may be from three categories: books, print (magazines, newspapers, and newsletters), and Internet published articles. The entries must have been published in 2015, should be nonfiction and may include analytical pieces, autobiographical explorations and forays into culinary history. Entries must be no longer than 2,000 words. Entries will be judged on writing, knowledge of subject matter, topic, relevance and creative approach. The judging includes editors, authors, educators and other food professionals who are leaders in their field but who are not members of LDEI.

Seeking to recognize and highlight excellence in culinary writing, **LDEI, a worldwide organization of professional culinary women**, presents its annual **M.F.K. Fisher Award for Excellence in Culinary Writing** named for lauded culinary writer Mary Frances Kennedy Fisher, considered one of America's greatest food writers.

Les Dames d'Escoffier International, composed of more than 2,100 members, will present three awards to women writers with work that reflects creativity and insight; illuminates the pivotal roles of food, beverages and the arts of the table; and/or contributes to our knowledge of those who grow, produce or prepare nourishment.

The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2016. Complete details of the award and online registration can be found at LDEI.org.

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LDEI is an international organization of women leaders who create a supportive culture in their communities to achieve excellence in the food, beverage, and hospitality professions. To do this, members in 36 chapters worldwide provide leadership, educational opportunities and host philanthropic events within their communities. For more information, visit LDEI.org or on Facebook at Les Dames d'Escoffier Int'l.