2027 Special Grants Packet

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In 2004 the NY Grace LeGendre Endowment Fund Inc., a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, began awarding Special Grants to organizations in order to sponsor educational or research opportunities which would further the advancement of working women. Since the inception of the program, sixteen Special Grants have been awarded. Requests may range from $100, but may not exceed the total funds available ($500 for 2027)

Eligibility:

- Any NYS Women, Inc. Local Chapter, Region, State President, or State Executive Committee may submit an application.
- Applications from organizations not affiliated with NYS Women, Inc. must include a mission statement that is consistent with the purpose of the Endowment Fund.

Note that the program for which a grant is awarded must be completed within one year of the award date.

Categories:

The special grant must fall into one of the following categories:

A. To further the capabilities of individual business and professional women by means of lectures, seminars and other forms of education
B. To conduct and/or support surveys and other research projects into current problems of importance to the community and to business and professional women
C. To conduct and/or support research into the economic,social and health problems confronting business and professional women and into those fields in which lie interests and achievements of business and professional women

Application Process:

The application form is available from the GLEF Special Grant Chair and also on the website – www.graceledgendre.org. The following documentation is required and must accompany the application form:

1) A written plan or agenda describing the event and its goal(s)
2) A projected budget
3) Work plan or agenda giving date(s), facility where program is to be held, estimated attendance
4) Description of publicity and/or media coverage planned
5) Description of evaluation process

Address for application submission or questions

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Application Timeline:

Fall 2026	Applications will be made available
March 31, 2027	Deadline for applications and all supplemental material to be postmarked and sent to the Special Grants Chair
April 2027	Applications will be evaluated
May 2027	The decision regarding successful applicants will be made early in May. Recipients of Special Grants will be notified by E-mail followed by an official letter of award

Special Grants Previously Awarded:

Since the inception of the Special Grants Program in 2004 by the NY Grace LeGendre Endowment Fund, the following grants have been awarded:

2005

- The Buffalo BPW/NYS chapter, in support of an individual development training program
- The Norwich BPW/NYS chapter, in support of the "Norwich Women's Conference"
- The BPW/NYS Fall Board and Youth Leadership Conference in support of a motivational speaker for the Youth Leadership segment of the program

2007

- The Grand Island BPW/NYS chapter, in support of a breast cancer awareness program
- BPW/NYS in support of domestic violence prevention program for teens

2009

- The Grand Island BPW/NYS chapter, in support of a diabetes awareness program

2011

- The Professional Women of the Finger Lakes chapter NYSWI in support of a conference for women to "jump start" their careers or businesses

2013

- Steuben County Chapter NYSWI for their program honoring women veterans

2016

- NYSWI in support speaker "How to Deliver Yourself with Confidence" at the 2016 Annual Meeting

2017

- Ala Ladd, Life Balance and Wellness Communicator and Coach awarded $500. The Award will help support her program "Help Getting Healthy."

2018

- Buffalo Niagara Chapter NYSWI in support of a commemorative issue of NIKE celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in NYS.

2019

- NYSWI to support the speaker Kate D. Mahoney at the Annual Conference.

2021

- The River Campus Libraries of the University of Rochester was awarded a Special Grant of $500 in support of the digitization of Louise M Slaughter Congressional Archive.
- NYS Women, Inc. was granted a Special Grant of $250 in partial support of a workshop to be presented at their 12th Annual Conference in Waterloo, NY.

2023

- New York State Women, Inc. Mohawk Valley Chapter was awarded $250.00 for their program "From Burnt Out to Fired Up" by Tricia Sticca.

2025

- Career Development Opportunity was awarded $500 for Youth Leadership Program with NYSWI.

Special Grant Application

Name of Sponsoring Organization _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

Phone/Fax/Email _____

Name of Event _____

Which category of grant is requested? (Check One) _____A _____B _____C (see p. 1)
(If grant is for a survey, please attach a copy)

Grant amount requested: $_____

Will any funds be matched? ____Yes____No (If Yes, specify amount $_____ or ____%)

Required attachments:

- ✓ Brief description of the program for which you are applying, including its goal(s) and intended audience
- ✓ Projected budget
- ✓ Work plan or agenda giving date(s), facility where program is to be held, estimated attendance
- ✓ Publicity or media coverage planned
- ✓ Description of the evaluation process

_____
(Signature of Applicant)

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(Signature of Officer & Title)

_____
(Date)

The program for which grant is awarded must be completed within one year of the award date.

Please return the completed application and all attachments

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Special Grant Program Evaluation

Name of Event_____

Date of Event _____

Number in attendance _____ Was it more___ or less __ than estimated?

Were the attendees given an individual evaluation form to complete?_____Yes _____No

What were some of the comments made? _____

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Were the sought after goals achieved? Please explain. _____

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Was there media coverage before and/or after the event? _____Yes _____No

Is there any part of the event plan that you would change? _____

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Attach extra pages as needed.

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(Signature)

Awardee Return Evaluation Form To:

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