

ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

Soroptimist International of _____

Live Your Dream Awards contact: _____

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The *Live Your Dream Awards* was established in 1972 to assist women with primary financial responsibility for their families to obtain the skills-training and education necessary to improve their employment status and standard of living for themselves and their family. Each year, over \$2.8 million is awarded to more than 1,800 women in Soroptimist's member countries and territories. The women receiving these financial awards may use them for any costs associated with their educational efforts, including tuition, books, childcare, and transportation.

If you are interested in applying for the Soroptimist *Live Your Dream Awards*, we strongly encourage you to complete this brief checklist in order to determine whether you are eligible for the award.

Please check all that apply:

- I provide the primary financial support for myself *and* my dependent(s), including at least one of the following:
 - child
 - spouse
 - parent
 - sibling
 - other dependent
- I am enrolled in a high school equivalency, vocational, technical, or undergraduate degree program.
- I do not have a graduate degree.
- I reside in one of Soroptimist International of the Americas' member countries/territories (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, Guam, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Taiwan, United States of America, Venezuela).
- I have not previously been the recipient of a *Live Your Dream Award* (previously the Soroptimist Women's Opportunity Award).
- I am not a Soroptimist member, an employee of Soroptimist International of the Americas, or immediate family of either (immediate family is defined to include spouse/partner, parents, siblings, grandchildren, or children by adoption, blood, or marriage).
- I am willing to describe my educational and career goals (300 words max).
- I am willing to describe why I deserve to receive the award (750 words max).
- I am in financial need and am prepared to list my family's annual living expenses.
- I am prepared to list my annual educational expenses.
- I am able to provide at least one written reference.

If you checked ALL of the above boxes, you are eligible to apply for the Soroptimist *Live Your Dream Award*.

In order to apply, you must [submit an official application and at least one completed reference form](#) by the application deadline, November 15.

Additionally, please note that the *Live Your Dream Awards* provide resources so women with dependents can increase their standard of living and achieve economic empowerment. While working towards their goals, women may receive government support, child support, or live in subsidized housing/in someone else's home. These things do not negate a woman's primary financial responsibility for her dependents or disqualify a woman from being eligible for the program. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. To learn more about Soroptimist and the Soroptimist *Live Your Dream Awards* online, please visit www.soroptimist.org.