

# Ready to begin a new life?





live  
**YOUR**  
dream   
education & training awards for women

## You can do it!

Since 1972, the Soroptimist Live Your Dream Awards program (formerly the Women's Opportunity Awards) has disbursed more than \$30 million to tens of thousands of women who have overcome poverty, domestic and sexual violence, divorce, the death of a spouse, or other life challenges. They are women—just like you—who had the courage and determination to turn their lives around.

Recipients may use the cash award to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education, including books, childcare and transportation. The program begins on the club level, where award amounts vary. Club recipients become eligible to receive region-level awards, which are granted through Soroptimist's 28 geographic regions. Currently, each Soroptimist region grants one first-place award for \$5,000.



Most regions grant additional \$3,000 awards. The first-place recipients then become eligible for one of three \$10,000 finalist awards.

Soroptimist also offers awards through its headquarters office to applicants who do not live within the territorial limits of a Soroptimist club.

Each year about \$1.7 million is awarded through the Soroptimist Live Your Dream Awards program.



## Get started now!

The five Rogue Valley Soroptimist clubs are giving a minimum of 7 awards, each at \$1000 or \$2000. Chances of receiving an award are excellent for those submitting a qualifying application as we have received fewer than 30 applications each year for the past several years. The top five winners will advance to our regional level to compete for additional awards of up to \$5000 with the possibility of going on to our international competition for \$10,000.

**Winners are chosen based on financial need, not grades.**

## **A woman must meet the following eligibility requirements to apply:**

- Is enrolled in or has been accepted to a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program and will be in the program the winter term of next year.
- Does not have a graduate degree.
- Provides the primary financial support for herself and at least one dependent. (A dependent can be a child, spouse, partner, parent or sibling.)
- Has financial need and is prepared to list her family's annual living expenses and annual educational expenses.
- Is not a Soroptimist member, an employee of Soroptimist International of the Americas or immediate family member of either.
- Has not previously been the recipient of a Live Your Dream Award (previously called the Soroptimist Women's Opportunity Award).
- Resides in one of the Soroptimist International of the Americas' member countries/territories (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Columbia, Ecuador, Guam, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Taiwan, United States, Venezuela).  
U.S. applicants must have a U.S. Social Security Number or Tax I.D. Number.

## **How to Apply:**

Go to <https://www.soroptimist.org>. Scroll down to "Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women" and click on "Learn more about the Live Your Dream Awards".

Click "HOW TO APPLY". Click "Start My Application". Type in your Postal Code and then click on "Search". Choose a Club.

For the time zone: GMT-0800 America/Los Angeles.

Award recipients will be notified in mid-January.

Your application will be reviewed by a panel of judges, but all information will remain confidential and will not be shared without your permission.

If you have any questions or need any help, please contact:

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**Deadline:  
Applications must be completed by Nov. 15**

