



Soroptimist International of Raleigh, NC

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SOROPTIMIST LIVE YOUR DREAM Training and Education Awards for Women

Award Description

Formerly known as the Women's Opportunity Award, this award offers financial assistance to women who need education or skills training to enter or re-enter the workforce. The awards are designed to give women heads of household, who are the primary source of financial support for their families, the opportunity to achieve their career goals. Live Your Dream Awards recipients may use the cash award to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education such as books, childcare, tuition, and transportation.

The local first place winner now receives \$5,000 from the Raleigh Club while runners up now receive \$1,500 each. First place awardees become eligible for one of three Region-level awards of \$5,000 or \$3,000. Region-level winners are then eligible for one of three \$10,000 awards from Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA).

Eligibility

You are eligible if you are a woman who:

- Provides the primary financial support for yourself and your dependents. Dependents can include children, spouse, partner, siblings and/or parents.
- Has financial need.
- Is enrolled in or has been accepted to a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program.
- Has not previously been the recipient of a Soroptimist Women's Opportunity or Live Your Dream Award.
- Does not have a graduate degree.
- Is not a Soroptimist member, an employee of Soroptimist International of the Americas or immediate family of either.
- Has a Social Security number or Tax ID number (for tax reporting purposes).

How to Apply

Application deadline is January 15, 2017

Application must be accompanied by 2 reference forms (completed by individuals not related to you)

[Click here for the LYD Application writeable PDF](#)

[Click here for the LYD Reference Form writeable PDF](#)

For more information about the award or to submit an application, email:

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About Soroptimist

Soroptimist is a global women's organization whose members volunteer to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. The organization is particularly concerned with providing women and girls access to education, as this is the most effective path to self-determination.

The name, Soroptimist, means "best for women," and that's what the organization strives to achieve. Soroptimists are women at their best, working to help other women to be their best.

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