

Soroptimist International of Reno Education Scholarship Application

Soroptimist International of Reno (SIR) believes that every woman should have the opportunity to develop her capabilities to the fullest. The SIR Awards & Education Committee will decide your qualifications for an Education Scholarship, with monetary values up to \$2,500.

Scholarships:

- To be eligible for a scholarship, an applicant must be enrolled or provide a letter of acceptance into a qualified program in one of the following:
 - A Vocational / Technical program in Northern Nevada enrolled in a minimum of six (6) units
 - An Associate of Arts or Science degree from a Northern Nevada Community College enrolled in a minimum of six (6) units
 - A four-year bachelor degree program at the University of Nevada, Reno enrolled in a minimum of six (6) units
 - A Masters' or Ph.D. program at the University of Nevada, Reno enrolled in a minimum of six (6) units
 - A Northern Nevada Community College provided the applicant intends to transfer to a degree program at the University of Nevada, Reno enrolled in a minimum of six (6) units

- SIR will issue full payment of the scholarship award, on behalf of the recipients, directly to the school prior to the fall semester. The school's Office of Financial Aid will distribute the scholarship award according to its respective policies. Recipients must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA to be eligible for scholarship funding in the subsequent semester. Any unused funds of a scholarship award will be returned to SIR.

Instructions: Complete Attached Application. **Application Deadline-Postmarked by March 16 or emailed by midnight on March 16.**

Please MAIL to: SIREno Awards & Education Committee
P.O. Box 12966
Reno, NV 89510
E-MAIL: edu@sireno.org
Phone: Suzanne Boroughf - 775.742.0385

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the SIR Awards & Education Committee Chair at the above phone number or via e-mail at: edu@sireno.org

Applications Submission Checklist (all application information MUST be sent in one package):

- College transcripts from all colleges attended. If none, submit high school transcripts. Certified copies of grades are not required.
- Two (2) personal references-preferably from teachers, employers or someone who has worked closely with you. References must be sent with and as a part of this application.
- Please make copies of page 3 of the application and have your references fill it out completely. References may answer questions on a separate letter or piece of paper (form not required).
- Financial Data, Income/Expense portion of the application must be completed and copies of last two (2) paycheck stubs attached, if applicable.
- Autobiographical Essay (limited to 500 words)
- Future Plans Essay (limited to 500 words)

**Application packages MUST be mailed and postmarked to
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Incomplete or late applications will be rejected.

PERSONAL DATA

NAME _____ DOB _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: HOME _____ CELL _____ OFFICE _____

E-Mail _____ Preferred Method of Contact _____

Marital Status: Single, Married, Separated, Divorced, Widowed (Please circle)

Currently Enrolled in School? (Yes or No) _____ Number of Credits _____

Name of School _____ Field of Study _____

Total credits required for program _____ Credits completed _____

Anticipated Completion Date _____

Type of Program _____ Undergraduate _____ Masters' Degree _____ Ph.D.

_____ Associate of Arts/Science _____ Vocational/Technical

FINANCIAL DATA

	Occupation	Employer	Hrs worked per month	Length of employment
Applicant				
Spouse/Partner				

How did you learn of the SIR Education Scholarship program?

List children living with you, including ages and relationship to you:

List adults (over 18 years of age) living with you:

If adults are living with you who are not contributing financially, please explain:

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL ESSAY (limited to 500 words)

A statement of achievements, including educational background, degrees received, college honors and activities, employment, community involvement, and travel experience. If you have interruptions in education, indicate the reasons and address any adverse conditions you have overcome. Also include anything about yourself not previously covered you would like the Awards & Education Committee to know.

FUTURE PLANS ESSAY (limited to 500 words)

A statement about your goals and plans upon completion of your program, and how your education will enable you to benefit others, particularly Women and Girls.

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PERSONAL REFERENCE FOR _____

Thank you for taking the time to recommend the above named person for consideration as a Soroptimist International of Reno Education Scholarship candidate. Please respond to the following questions. You may use additional paper for your response.

1. How long have you known the candidate and in what capacity (friend, teacher, employer, faith leader, etc.)?

2. What is your personal knowledge of the candidate's strengths/responsibilities in her life? (Address specific examples of accomplishments in employment, school, home, community, church, etc.)

3. What is your personal knowledge of the candidate's educational goals and her progress toward accomplishing these goals? (Consider any barriers/difficulties she has overcome.)

4. Is there any additional information you would like to mention that you think the SIR Awards & Education Committee should know about the candidate?

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Title _____

Organization _____

Best method to contact you: Phone # _____ E-mail _____

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ANNUAL INCOME & EXPENSES

The SIR Awards & Education Committee considers your total income and expenses during the scholarship application review process. It is essential this section reflects an accurate picture of your financial need.

Annual Income	Applicant Current Year	Next Year	Spouse/ Partner Current Year	Next Year	Other Household Members Current Year	Next Year
Gross Salary						
Withholdings						
Net take home pay						
Other Income						
Grants/Scholarships						
Loans						
Family						
Child Support						
Other						
Total Annual Income						
Annual Expenses	Applicant Current Year	Next Year	Spouse/ Partner Current Year	Next Year	Other Household Members Current YR	Next Year
Housing (Rent, Utilities)						
Food						
Child Care						
Medical						
Personal Items						
Entertainment						
Auto/Transportation						
School						
Other (describe)						
Total Annual Expenses						

Savings available for school: \$ _____ Please explain any special circumstances about your financial situation:

SIR AWARDS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE MAY INTERVIEW SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS IN MARCH OR EARLY APRIL.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read the foregoing application and certify that the contents thereof are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that my application and supporting information becomes the property of the Reno area clubs, and they shall have the discretionary authority in all matters pertaining to any award.

I UNDERSTAND THAT OMITTING ANY PART OF THIS APPLICATION MAY DISQUALIFY THE APPLICANT.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____