Soroptimist International of Helena Professional/Technical Award Instructions and Application

Award details

- Award amount is $1,500
- Deadline November 15
- Award notifications by the end of January

Payment of Award:

The award will be disbursed to the educational institution in one lump sum. The winner will need to provide Soroptimist International of Helena with the name of the school you will be attending and your student ID or other documentation to substantiate your enrollment by June 1.

Soroptimist International of the Americas was founded October 3, 1921, in Oakland, California and grew to the world's largest women's service organization. There are members in 120 countries around the world.

Step 1: Determine if you are eligible.

This award is open to any woman who:

- Resides in the tri-county area of Lewis & Clark, Broadwater, and Jefferson counties
- Is enrolled or has been accepted to a vocational/skills training program, or a 2-year degree program
- Is motivated to achieve educational and career goals
- Has NOT previously been the recipient of a Soroptimist International of Helena award or scholarship
- Does NOT have a graduate degree
- Is not a Soroptimist member or has an immediate family member who is a Sorpotimist
- Agrees to complete all written sections in your own words, reflecting your real experiences and goals. Artificial intelligence (AI) tools may help with grammar or organization, but your story must be your own.

Step 2: Tell us about yourself.

Fill out the award application. We want you to tell us about yourself. Why do you need this award, and how would this award help you achieve your career goals? Your information will be confidential and shared only with evaluators, unless you give us written permission to use your story to publicize the award.

Step 3: Ask people to tell us about you.

You will need two different people – who are not related to you – to provide references. One should come from teachers, counselors, administrators, or other school personnel who are familiar with your high school career. The second should come from an adult who is not related to you or involved with the school. Examples could include representatives of the faith community, employers, family friends, or others. The references need to be submitted with your application.

Step 4: Submit your application.

Mail your **application and two references** to the address listed below, postmarked by November 15. Incomplete applications, applications received without references, and those received after the deadline will not be considered.

Submit application to:
Soroptimist International of Helena
Attn: Professional/Technical Award
PO Box 1216
Helena, MT 59624

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PART 1: Basic Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

PART 2: What Are Your Education and Career Goals?

A. Name of the college, school, or training program you plan to attend or to which you have been accepted.

B. What are you or do you plan to study? (Examples: associate degree in nursing or aviation maintenance technology)

C. When will you complete your studies (month and year)?

D. Attach an essay of 250-500 words to this application. Please tell us about yourself. What obstacles have you had to overcome to pursue your education? What are your career goals and aspirations? How will this award help you to reach your goals?

F. How do you intend to finance your education? Award recipients are chosen, in part, based on financial need. Tell us about your financial situation. Please share your planned budget as closely as you can.

Payment Method	% of Total	Description
Award		
Financial Aid		
Loans		
Work Study		
Employment		
Parental Support		
Savings		
Totals	100%	

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PART 3: Agreement

Please read the following information carefully. When you sign your name below, you are agreeing to what you have read.

- I certify that all the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I will notify Soroptimist International (SI) of Helena of any changes.
- I certify that this is the only application I have made in any format or to any address this year for a Professional/Technical Award.
- I understand that my application may be submitted electronically for evaluation.
- I understand that my application becomes the property of SI of Helena. The application will be considered confidential unless the applicant grants SI of Helena written permission to release personal information for the purpose of publicizing the award.
- All written sections were completed in my own words, reflecting my real experiences and goals. Any use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools was only to assist with grammar or organization, and not to narrate my responses.

By my signature, I certify to the best of my knowledge that the contents of this application are true and accurate, and I agree to adhere to the above requirements.

Signature _____

Date _____

How did you learn about the Professional/Technical Award? Check all that apply.

	Local Soroptimist Club or club member		Social media
	A friend, relative or co-worker		A flyer posted in my community
	A career counselor or advisor		Internet search (website)
	A teacher at my school		Searchable database of scholarships/awards
Other: (Please describe)			

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