



Soroptimist International of Helena Margaret Chivers Scholarship Instructions and Application

Soroptimist International (SI) 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. Margaret Chivers was a founding member of SI Helena and endowed this scholarship.

Scholarship details

The award amount is \$3,000, paid over two years to the Montana college or university of choice. Deadline January 31, 2026. Award notifications in early 2026.

Qualifications

The award will be paid on behalf of a graduating senior girl from the tri-county area that includes Lewis and Clark, Jefferson, and Broadwater counties. Winners must plan to attend a four-year college or university in the State of Montana. Applications will be judged on leadership skills, student and community activities, financial need, academic promise, and personal recommendations.

Instructions

1. Complete the application form.
2. Provide three letters of recommendation:
 - a. Two from teachers, administrators, or counselors from your school.
 - b. One from an adult who is not related to you. This could be a member of a faith community, an employer, a family friend, or someone else.
3. Counselor verification of academic standing must be completed and signed.
4. Submit a typewritten 250–500-word essay that tells us about you, your goals, why you want to attend a Montana college or university, and why you believe you should be awarded this scholarship.
5. The deadline is January 31, 2026.

Payment of Scholarship:

The scholarship will be disbursed to the institution over the course of the freshman and sophomore years, with payments of \$1,500 per year.

Scholarship awards are based on the following stipulations and requirements.

Awardee requirements:

Requirement	Confirmation (check to confirm that you understand)
1. Provide Soroptimist International of Helena with the name of the chosen school and student ID number by June 1 of the year the scholarship is awarded. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.	
2. Attendance at college of university must be over two consecutive years.	
3. Student must carry a minimum of twelve credit hours per semester, both years.	
4. Student must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.00, both years.	
5. A copy of the college transcripts must be sent to the following address at the end of the freshman year: Soroptimist International of Helena Scholarships and Awards PO Box 1216 Helena, MT 59624	
6. A personal progress report must be mailed to the address above at least one time per quarter or semester of the freshman and sophomore years.	

Submit your application.

Mail your application and three references to the address listed below postmarked by January 31, 2026. Incomplete applications, applications received without references, and those received after the deadline will not be considered.

Submit to:
Soroptimist International of Helena
Attn: Margaret Chivers Scholarship
PO Box 1216
Helena, MT 59624

Application Instructions

Part I: Basic Information

Name:

Date:

Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Parents' Name (or names):

Date of Birth:

High School:

Part 2: Student Activities and Awards

List your student activities:

List any high school honors, awards and offices held:

List your community and/or faith community activities:

List any additional volunteer activities:

Part 3: Financial and School Information

List any other scholarships you have applied for:

Employment (if any):

Part 4: School Information

What college or university do you plan to attend?

What is your area of interest in college?

Part 5: Finance

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

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

Part 6: Essay

Attach an essay of 250-500 words to this application. Please tell us about yourself. What are your goals and aspirations? Why do you need this scholarship?

PART 7: Agreement

Please read the following information carefully. When you type 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 of Helena (SI) 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 Margaret Chivers Scholarship.
- 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 Helena written permission to release personal information for the purpose of publicizing the award.

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

Signature

Date

Counselor Verification

Number in graduation class _____ Rank in Class _____ GPA _____

Counselor signature _____ Date _____ Phone # _____

Please mail the completed application to:

**Soroptimist International of Helena
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How did you hear about the Margaret Chivers Scholarship? 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
Other: Please describe	