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improve the lives of women and girls, in local
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Soroptimist Women's Opportunity Awards Eligibility Checklist

The Women's Opportunity Awards program was established in 1972 to assist women with primary financial responsibility for their families to obtain the skills-training and education necessary to improve their employment status and standard of living for themselves and their family. Each year, \$1.5 million in club, region and international funds are awarded to more than 1,500 women in Soroptimist's 19 member countries and territories. The women receiving these financial awards may use them for any costs associated with their educational efforts, including tuition, books, child care, and transportation. The chosen recipient of Soroptimist International of Maui's \$1,500 (taxable) Women's Opportunity Award will also be considered for additional awards at the regional and international levels.

If you are interested in applying for the Soroptimist Women's Opportunity Awards, we strongly encourage you to complete this brief checklist in order to determine whether you are eligible for the award.

Please check all that apply:

- I have a U.S. Social Security Number (this requirement applies to U.S. applicants only)
- I earn the most money in my household.
- I support at least one of the following: child spouse parent sibling other dependent
- I am enrolled in a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program
Name of educational institution _____
- I am willing to describe my educational and career goals (300 words max)
- I am willing to describe why I deserve to win the award (750 words max)
- I am in financial need and am prepared to list my family's annual living expenses
- I am prepared to list my annual educational expenses
- I am able to provide two written references

If you checked **ALL** of the above boxes, you are eligible to apply for the Soroptimist Women's Opportunity Award. In order to apply you must submit an official application and two completed reference forms by the **application deadline on December 15th**. To get an application form, you can download it from our website at www.simaui.org, or you can email us at soroptimistmaui@yahoo.com to get it emailed or mailed to you.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. To learn more about Soroptimist and the Soroptimist Women's Opportunity Awards online, please visit www.soroptimist.org.

To help us reach more eligible applicants, can you tell us where you heard about this award?