



SOROPTIMIST
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2016 Soroptimist International of Port Orchard Educational Scholarship

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Soroptimist International of Port Orchard would like to invite women to apply for our Educational Scholarship. Soroptimist International of Port Orchard will provide educational scholarships of up to \$2,000.

Eligibility requirements are:

- **Any woman, of any age, motivated to achieve education and career goals beyond a high school education.**
- **Show character, citizenship and dependability traits that would indicate success in an institution of higher learning.**
- **Reside in Kitsap County, Washington**
- **Are enrolled in, or have been accepted to, a university or college undergraduate degree program or a university or college graduate degree program, or plan to attend a community college, vocational/skills training program, or technical college.**
- **May be a previous recipient. If you received a Soroptimist International Port Orchard Educational Scholarship in 2015, you may reapply for consideration of a subsequent scholarship. Please submit a *Previous Recipient Application* available on our website www.siportorchard.com.**

Applicants should return completed applications by **April 15, 2016**

South Kitsap High School graduating seniors
return your application to
Mrs. Elton in the SKHS Career Center

All others should be mailed to:

Soroptimist International Port Orchard
PO Box 326
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Or emailed to:

siportorchard@soroptimist.net

**Your statements will be judged on content not your writing style.
Please focus on the substance of your answers.**

Each application is judged on its own merit so include any information that makes you exceptional and a good candidate to receive the scholarship

Keep a copy of everything you submit

Your application must include, at a minimum, the following information:

- 1) **Cover letter.** Include name, address, phone number, and email address.
- 2) **Detailed narrative about yourself** that includes, at a minimum, the following information:
 - a) your future educational and career plans and goals
 - b) where you plan to attend and what course of study you plan to pursue
 - c) if you have received the Soroptimist International Port Orchard Educational Scholarship or other scholarships before, share the effect on your educational goals.
 - d) academic and/or noteworthy accomplishments
 - e) any extra-curricular school and community activities (defined as any activity where participation was greater than ten hours).
 - f) a personal resume including your contributions to school and/or community
 - g) any obstacles you have had to overcome or still face
 - h) include any other facts you think might help the scholarship committee in making a decision on your applications
- 3) **In a separate statement** explain:
 - a) why you need a scholarship
 - b) include your estimated cost for a year of schooling
 - c) anticipated sources of income including any funding you already have in place (i.e.; Pell Grant, parental financial help, other awards and scholarships)
 - d) other awards, grants and scholarships you have received
 - e) other facts that may help the scholarship committee evaluate your application.
- 4) **Two letters of recommendation.** At least one letter for your most recent school year from a high school teacher or administrator and the other from a teacher of another department, school administrator, or community member such as an employer, church minister, scout leader, or work associate. Letters must be dated, signed, and include contact information.
- 5) **Copy of any letters of acceptance to an institution of higher learning**
- 6) **A copy of your FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- 7) **Unofficial High School or College Transcript**

Awarding of scholarship guidelines and procedure for financial payment of scholarship:

- 1) The selection criteria include academic ability, financial need, clearly stated goals, motivation to achieve education and career goals, references that are supportive of the applicant, and that the applicant serves as an inspiration and role model for others.
- 2) Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 31, 2016.
- 3) Upon receipt of a completed *Funding Request* the Scholarship funds will be paid to the educational institution which the scholarship recipient will be attending.
- 4) Scholarship payment must be dispersed by December 31, 2016.
- 5) Equal opportunity is afforded to all women regardless of race, color, creed, age or disability.

Soroptimist Mission Statement

Soroptimist improves the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.