

## *Soroptimist International of Los Angeles*

Thank you for your interest in Soroptimist International of Los Angeles. As an accomplished business or professional woman, joining Soroptimist will provide you the opportunity to meet other accomplished women who share an interest in providing and supporting individual and community volunteer service in an atmosphere of collegiality, friendship and fun. Membership in Soroptimist International, extended at the club level, is entrance into an international organization of women who value international good will and understanding and the economic, educational and health advancement of all women regardless of origin or social condition.

Date Application Received:	Sponsor:	Action Date:	Date Candidate Advised:
Your Name:		Preferred mailing address (Circle or Check one) Home <input type="checkbox"/> Office <input type="checkbox"/>	
Your Home Address – Street Address - City			
State/Zip Code			
Your Telephone and FAX Number(s)	H:	O:	
	H: Fax:	O: Fax:	
Name of your employer			
Business Address - Street Address - City			
State/Zip Code			
E-Mail	H:	O:	
Your present occupation and organizational title. Please attach a copy of your vita or resume.			
Birth date (month and day)			
What particular knowledge or organizational skills do you have that will assist the club?			
How did you decide that you wanted to apply for Soroptimist membership?			
Comments or Questions			
I have read and understood the information on the reverse of this application. I have attached my current resume or vita. Your Signature: Date:			
<b>Send your completed application to : Soroptimist International of Los Angeles, P.O. Box 71783, Los Angeles, CA 90071</b>			

*MISSION AND CORE PURPOSE - To advance human rights and the status of women*

## *Soroptimist International - Overview*

**A Soroptimist:** A leader in her profession, business or community, she believes that by joining with other women and personally engaging in awareness, advocacy and action in the service of her community and society, she can make the world a better place for humankind.

**Soroptimist International (SI):** With over 100,000 members world-wide, of all ages and cultures and ethnic groups, SI represents the views and commitment of an array of women in the professions, including elected officials, jurists, health professionals, attorneys, teachers, chief executive officers of companies, business owners and government service executives.

**A Tradition of Service:** The first Soroptimist club was formed in 1921 by a group of 80 women in Oakland, Alameda County, California. They chose their name from two Latin words meaning "best for women." The heart of Soroptimist's mission is to "make a difference for women" through service to the community and support for international understanding.

**Soroptimist International of Los Angeles (SILA):** For over 80 years, our club has served the women of Los Angeles through our programs of service. Our members have included the first woman to be superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District, the first woman to be the manager of the City of Los Angeles personnel department, a justice of the court of appeals, professionals and executives in retail, government, religious organizations, and in the not for profit sectors. Our web site address is [www.soroptimist-losangeles.com](http://www.soroptimist-losangeles.com)

**Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA):** SILA is a part of the Federation of SIA. The federation's clubs are organized into regions located throughout the following 19 countries and territories: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guam, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Taiwan, United States of America and Venezuela.

**Conventions and Meetings:** SILA, a part of the Camino Real Region of SIA, participates in regional annual conferences, and in SIA biennial conventions in held in even-numbered years.

**Soroptimist's Relationship with the United Nations (UN):** Article 17 of the United Nations Charter provides for non-governmental organization (NGO) consultative status with the UN's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). ECOSOC oversees UN activities and policies promoting human rights. SI is one of over 1,000 NGOs to hold this status. This enables SI to place items on the ECOSOC agenda, submit written statements for circulation to all members of the council, make oral statements at ECOSOC meetings and contribute to other UN gatherings and seminars. It is in this forum that SI representatives advocate for the Soroptimist mission, advancing the status of women and girls. SI representatives are appointed volunteers working in one of the four UN centers in New York City, Paris, Vienna and Geneva.

**Our Federation Magazine and Web Site:** A benefit of membership, SIA's award-winning magazine, *The Soroptimist of the Americas*, is published quarterly and contains stories pertaining to women's issues and Soroptimist programs. The web site is [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org)

**Your Membership Opportunities:** To meet and know other good women, help to run the club and raise support for our programs of service, attend fund raisers and two meetings a month, pay dues and other fees of at least \$131.00 a year, pay for two lunches a month consistent with current charges of \$275.00 a year, and to be of service to the women and communities of our city.

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