



Soroptimist International of Los Angeles
2026-2027

Joan Johnson & Ann Read Graduate Fellowship Awards

Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve personal and economic empowerment. Soroptimist International of Los Angeles has given educational awards to outstanding women since 1947. The award of \$5000 is for the 2026-2027 academic year. Two awards will be granted.

Qualifications

- Enrollment in a graduate degree program at an accredited institution of higher education
- Reside in Los Angeles County, California
- Preference will be given to applicants who
 - have faced obstacles in pursuing their education (e.g., poverty, racism, violence, teen pregnancy, former foster care, single parent, substance abuse disorder)
 - have career goals or volunteer experience that relate to the betterment of women and girls

Requirements

- Completed application and essay
- Proof of enrollment in an accredited graduate program
- Proof of residence in Los Angeles County (if graduate program is an online program not in LA County)
- Two letters of reference from professors
- A personal interview is required of finalists

Timeline

- Application and materials due by **January 15, 2027**
- Finalists will be notified by **January 25, 2027**
- A personal interview is required of finalists on **Friday, February 12, 2027**
- Winners will be announced by **February 16, 2027**

Applications can be emailed to Fellowship@Soroptimist-LosAngeles.org with the subject line as Fellowship Application, or mailed to the below address:

SI of Los Angeles Fellowship Committee
5042 Wilshire Blvd #5005
Los Angeles, California 90036

If you have any questions, please contact us at Fellowship@Soroptimist-LosAngeles.org.



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Applicant Information

Name:

Current address:

Mailing address (if different than above):

Phone:

Email:

Graduate Study Information

Where are you attending, or where have you been accepted, for graduate study?

If this is an online program not located in Los Angeles County, are you currently residing in Los Angeles County?

____ Yes ____ No ____ Not applicable (graduate program is located in Los Angeles County)

Field of Study:

Degree Sought:

Anticipated Completion Date:

Preferences

Have you faced obstacles in pursuing your education (e.g., poverty, racism, violence, teen pregnancy, former foster care, single parent, substance abuse disorder)?

Yes: ____ No: ____

Do you have career goals or volunteer experience that relate to the betterment of women and girls?

Yes: ____ No: ____

Essay

Please explain why you should receive this scholarship, including how you meet each criteria (graduate work, professional goals, volunteer experience, obstacles faced). Your essay should be a separate document, not to exceed three pages.