



Sierra Pacific Region Fellowship Grants



The mission of the Sierra Pacific Region Fellowship Award is to advance the status of women, through financial support during the last year of a post-graduate degree (Masters, Doctoral, M.D. Law, Dentistry, Education credentials, etc). Our hope is to support women so that they will become a strong voice for all women thus supporting the Soroptimist mission of improving the lives of women and girls. We will award a minimum award of \$3,500.00.

Candidates should be entering their last year of study for a graduate-level degree or equivalent such as Masters, Doctoral, M.D. Law, Dentist, Educational credentials, etc). Candidates must be citizens of a country represented by Soroptimist International of the Americas, and must live within and be currently enrolled in a university or satellite program located within the territory of the Sierra Pacific Region which includes the counties of Amador, Calaveras, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Tuolumne in California.

Soroptimist members and their families are excluded from the competition.

As stated on the application form, the application and all supporting materials must be **submitted by February 10th**. Forms are available on the Soroptimist Sierra Pacific Region website or by contacting the Fellowship Chair, Linda Gillis (gillisli5@gmail.com or 559-288-1254).

Candidates considered for final selection must appear for a personal interview in mid-April at a time and place as determined by the committee. The finalist(s) are expected to accept their award at the Sierra Pacific Region Conference on a Saturday in mid-May and provide a brief presentation about their research and/or studies.



SOROPTIMIST SIERRA PACIFIC REGION FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Miss/Ms./Mrs. _____
(Circle one) *First* *Middle* *Last*

Address: _____
Street Address or P.O. Box, including any c/o or Unit number:

Telephone: Home: () _____ Cell: () _____

Email address: _____ Citizenship _____

Field of Study: _____

Title of Thesis/Project, dissertation, or final year of law, dental, education or medical school:

Name of Institution you are attending: _____

Period of Enrollment (*total number of months you will be enrolled*): _____ Units Completed _____

Units Remaining: _____ Anticipated Date of Completion: _____

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE APPLICATION

OR THE ENTIRE PACKAGE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

1. Description of thesis/project dissertation, or final year of law, dental, education or medical school: Submit a minimum of 3, maximum of 5 pages, double spaced, and 12 pt. font.
2. Autobiographic sketch: Submit a minimum of 2, maximum of 5 pages, double spaced, 12 pt. font. Include family background, co-curricular activities, hobbies, interests, etc.
3. Transcripts of all graduate work completed and proof of university registration.
4. Statement of your advancement in your graduate program: orals, program plan, dissertation, or final year of law, dental, education or medical school.
5. **Two** confidential letters of recommendation. They must be sent separately, but must arrive by February 10th from:

Committee Chair Name: _____ Phone: _____

Faculty Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

Materials other than letters of recommendation must be sent in a single mailing or emailing to the Fellowship Chair at one of the address below. All material must be postmarked or received no later than **Feb 10th. Any material postmarked after that date will not be accepted. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in disqualification. Send to:**

Linda Gillis

7824 N. Highland, Clovis, CA 93619

559-288-1254

gillisi5@gmail.com

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I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT AS OF THE DATE BELOW.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: Semifinalists will be required to appear for a personal interview in the middle of April. Finalists will be notified and are expected to attend the Soroptimist Sierra Pacific Region Conference on a Saturday in the middle of May to receive their award and be recognized by the membership.