



## FACT SHEET - SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF SIOUX FALLS

### Award Summary:

The Soroptimist Live Your Dream: Education and Training Awards for Women provides women who serve as the primary wage earners for their families with the financial resources to offset costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education or additional skills and training. Recipients can use the award for tuition, books, childcare, carfare or any other education-related expense. Each year, over \$2 million is provided in cash grants to women in need. Since the program's inception in 1972, more than \$30 million has helped tens of thousands of women achieve their dreams of a better life for themselves and their families—leading to stronger communities, nations and the world.

### Award Amount:

The Live Your Dream Award starts at the club level where award amounts vary. Soroptimist International of Sioux Falls will provide a \$500 award. Club-level recipients then become eligible for region-level awards granted in each of Soroptimist's 28 regions. The first-place region recipients then become candidates for one of three \$10,000 finalist awards.

**Applications:** Applications are available by contacting Beth Tellekson at 605 359-2886 or by following the link: <http://bit.ly/LYDA-apply>

### Deadline:

Final applications must be submitted on-line through the Soroptimist International of the Americas website by November 15, 2020. We are requesting all applications be submitted by **November 1, 2020** to allow review for completeness and accuracy before the final deadline November 15, 2020. No applications will be accepted after the final deadline when the application portal closes.

All paper applications must be received by **November 1, 2019** to allow for review and input on-line. Mail paper applications to Beth Tellekson, 1332 South Lake Dr., Watertown, SD 57201 or scan to PDF and email to [bethsoro@msn.com](mailto:bethsoro@msn.com).

### Soroptimist International of Sioux Falls

Founded in 1940, the Sioux Falls club is part of Soroptimist International of the Americas, a global organization that works to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. Sioux Falls members join with almost 80,000 Soroptimists in about 120 countries and territories to contribute time and financial support to community-based projects benefiting women and girls. Soroptimist, a 501(c)(3) organization that relies on charitable donations to support its programs, also powers LiveYourDream.org—an online community offering offline volunteer opportunities in support of women and girls. For more information about how Soroptimist improves the lives of women and girls, visit [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org).