



SIW/Ruth White Memorial Scholarship Application P.O. Box 468, Whittier, CA 90608-0468

Soroptimist International of Whittier offers the Ruth White Memorial Scholarship, of up to \$4,000, to women attending college or graduate school programs in Whittier or who reside in Whittier. Special consideration is given to upper division college students or graduate students.

- ❖ Applications are assessed based on:
 - *Academic Achievement; Leadership; Overcoming Personal Hardships; Professional Promise; Financial Need; Community Service;*
- ❖ **Applications along with one letter of reference must be received no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, March 13, 2026.**
- ❖ Please return the completed application along with **all** supporting documents to the address above or via email gonzalez92703@gmail.com. Or use the following link [Scholarship Application](#)
- ❖ Incomplete applications will not be considered. All parts of the application, including the letters of reference, must be received by the deadline **in one package.**
- ❖ **Scholarship winners will be acknowledged at our Signature Awards Celebration to be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 12pm in the Double Tree by Hilton in Whittier. It is expected that all winners will attend the Awards Celebration in person.**
- ❖ Scholarship funds are available for coursework following May 2026. Scholarships may not be used for education that is in progress or has been completed.
 - ❖ If you have any questions, please contact Diana Gonzalez via email gonzalez92703@gmail.com.
- ❖ To learn more about Soroptimist International of Whittier, please visit www.siwhittier.org.

SI Mission Statement

Soroptimist improves the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.
Women at their best, working to help other women to be their best.

**Soroptimist International of Whittier
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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Please type or print

1. **Name** _____ **Mobile number** _____

Current Address _____

Email: _____ **Date of Birth** _____ **Marital Status** _____

Children's Names and Ages (if any) _____

2. **School of attendance Spring 2026 semester:** _____

3. **School of attendance Fall 2026 semester:** _____

4. **What are your long-term career objectives?** – (i.e. *career plans/transfer: educational/professional goals*)

5. **Education** – *List all colleges or universities you have attended, indicating major and minor studies, degrees and dates, present year in school.*

6. **List scholarships and/or Honors or Special Recognition you have received or will be receiving, indicating source, date and amount:**

7. **Work Experience** – *Positions/Title, employer name and dates. Include details contributing to your qualifications:*

8. **Do you current or do you intend to live on campus?** Yes No - If not, what are your plans?

9. **Do you receive financial aid from your parents?**

Yes - Please indicate approximate annual amount. \$ _____

No - Please explain circumstances. _____

10. **List all other sources of funds to finance your education, including any earnings you received, friends or relatives, loans, grants, etc.** _____

11. Please estimate your educational expenses for next academic year:

Full Tuition and fees \$ _____
Living expenses:
 Housing/Rent \$ _____
 Travel/Gas/Car/Bus Costs: \$ _____
 Books/Supplies \$ _____
 Food \$ _____
Other: _____ \$ _____

Total Educational Expenses for next academic year: \$ _____

Please subtract ALL financial aid and support:

Financial Aid (Federal/State/Pell/Private) \$ _____
Support from Family/Spouse/Other \$ _____
Expected income from work study position \$ _____
Expected income from off campus employment \$ _____
Other sources of income/support: _____ \$ _____

Total Expected Income/Support for next academic year: \$ _____

Subtract Expenses from Income: Anticipated Cost \$ _____

12. Required Attachments:

- **Short Essay** (250 words or less): *What does our mission statement mean to you?*
- **References:** *Please include a letter of reference from a person who you knows your personally (non-family/relative) and knows your academic work and/or community service experience.*
- **Transcripts:** *Please include complete transcripts or school records (Unofficial acceptable)*
- **Personal Statement:** (500 words or less) *Please include any information stating any personal hardships you have overcome or any other information you would like us to consider when reviewing your application.*

I attest the above information, and the information included with this application is correct and true.

Print Name of Applicant

Signature of Applicant

Date

Mail **completed packet**, including application, essays, transcripts and letters of reference to:

Ruth White Memorial Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 468, Whittier, CA 90608-0468
Packets must be complete to be considered.

Or: email package to: gonzalez92703@gmail.com