



Soroptimist Pledge

*I pledge allegiance to Soroptimism and to the ideals for which it stands: the sincerity of friendship, the joy of achievement, the dignity of service, the integrity of profession, and the love of country.
I will put forth my greatest effort to promote, uphold and defend these ideals, for a larger fellowship in home, in society, in business —for country and for God.*

Membership Information and Application

What is Soroptimist?

A service group comprised of business and professional women who are leaders in their fields and committed to giving back to the community. Membership is by invitation.

Who joins Soroptimist?

Highly motivated and successful individuals in the community. Many are in key decision-making positions. Soroptimist members are accountants, advertising executives, architects, attorneys, bankers, business owners, doctors, engineers, high-level government executives, and community activists, to name a few.

Whom does Soroptimist benefit?

Soroptimist members benefit from the satisfaction of community service, new perspectives and the friendships of like-minded women. Our club's philosophy is *maximum results from minimum efforts*. Service projects have ranged from gala events raising upwards of \$40,000 for a single beneficiary to elbow grease efforts. Beneficiaries include not-for-profit organizations, schools and government agencies within our local community.

What is the history of Soroptimist?

Soroptimists are women of all ages, cultures and ethnic groups whose mission and purpose is to advance human rights and the status of women. The first Soroptimist club was formed in 1921 by a group of 80 women in Oakland, CA. Since then, membership has grown to nearly 100,000 women in 119 countries and territories around the world. Soroptimist Metro, chartered in 1983 with 26 members, is one of 60 Soroptimist clubs in the Sierra Nevada Region.

How do I become a member?

- Attend at least three meetings to make sure this is the organization for you. (Come to your first meeting as our guest! At subsequent meetings you will pay \$15 each time for breakfast costs.)
- Fill out the application and return it to your sponsor.
- Receive approval from the Membership Committee and the Board.
- Participate in the induction ceremony at which time you introduce yourself to the group.

What does it cost to be a member?

New Member Fee	\$50
Annual Dues (Renewal June 1)*	\$175
Breakfast Costs @ \$40 per month	\$400
Philanthropic Responsibility*	\$100

(We always welcome additional contributions to support our philanthropic work.)

*For members joining between February 1 and May 31, the initial year's dues are \$88 and the Philanthropic Responsibility is \$50.

What are my commitments?

The two main goals for Soroptimist International of Metropolitan Sacramento are raising funds and providing services for charitable organizations in our community. Are you willing to contribute time, effort, talent and money by:

	Yes	No
Attending weekly meetings from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays from September through June?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Serving actively on a committee your first year and every year thereafter?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PAYING PROMPTLY:

The annual membership dues of \$175 (due June 15) for the following year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The breakfast costs of \$40 per month, whether or not you attend?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The \$100 contribution to the Community Assistance Fund?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Total \$725 per year)

Yes!

I understand that my signature on this application is my agreement to uphold the above stated membership responsibilities of Soroptimist International of Metropolitan Sacramento.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Proposed member to complete first section, then sponsor will add comments and turn into the Membership Committee.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF METROPOLITAN SACRAMENTO

Membership Application for:

Name _____

Home Address _____

Occupation/Job Title _____

Name of Business _____

Business Address _____

Briefly describe your responsibilities _____

HOME: Phone _____ FAX _____ BUSINESS: Phone _____ FAX _____

E-mail _____ Cell _____ Preferred mailing address home business

List examples of past leadership activities: _____

In which organizations/clubs are you currently active? _____

What particular strengths will you bring to our group? _____

Why do you want to join Soroptimist? _____

Is there is anything else you would like to tell us about yourself? _____

Name of your Soroptimist sponsor: _____

Sponsor information about member: Explain why you feel this candidate will be an asset to Soroptimist.

- I have discussed the membership and financial obligations with the candidate.
- I pledge to be a mentor for my candidate to facilitate her integration into Soroptimist International of Metropolitan Sacramento.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS CANDIDATE MEETS THE ABOVE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS.
I NOMINATE HER FOR MEMBERSHIP IN SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF METROPOLITAN SACRAMENTO.

Signature of sponsoring member _____ Date _____

Questions? Contact your sponsoring member of SIMS.