



SOROPTIMIST®

Investing in Dreams

Soroptimist:
a global volunteer
organization
that provides
women and girls
with access to
the education
and training they
need to achieve
economic
empowerment.

Become a Soroptimist

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF METROPOLITAN SACRAMENTO
Membership Information and Application

We are a group of women who, together, choose to invest our time and philanthropic dollars.

We invest our time by volunteering (which builds camaraderie toward a common purpose), by attending interesting meetings (in person and on zoom), and by sharing social time, all of which builds a sisterhood. We invest our philanthropic dollars together, via donations to the Community Assistance Fund (CAF). The CAF committee then reviews applications and recommends board approval to fund grants to non-profit organizations and educational entities.

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. Beneficiaries include non-profit organizations and schools 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, California. Since then, membership has grown to nearly 72,000 women in 121 countries and territories around the world. Soroptimist International of Metropolitan Sacramento (SIMS), chartered in 1983 with 26 members, is one of 49 Soroptimist clubs in the Sierra Nevada Region (Northern California and Nevada).

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

- Attend meetings or events to make sure this is the organization for you. One of those meetings could be a first Thursday-of-the-month in-person Business Meeting.
- Fill out the application and return it to your sponsor or send through our website.
- Receive approval from the Membership Committee.
- Participate in the induction ceremony at which time you introduce yourself to the group.
- Participate in a new member orientation meeting to learn what each committee does, so that you can decide which committees you would like to be on.

WHAT DOES IT COST TO BE A MEMBER?

New Member Fee \$50 (at whatever time of year you join)

Annual Dues (Renewal June 1)* \$250 (if joining in January and beyond, the Annual Dues for the first year are \$125) These fees are periodically set by the club, based on actual costs.

Breakfast Costs \$30 per month (whether or not you attend - \$300 for 10 meetings per year)

Community Assistance Fund (CAF) Contribution.

Each member is asked to make an annual charitable contribution to the Community Assistance Fund that she determines to be "significant." These charitable donations are the backbone of our Club and each member is on the honor system to contribute her fair share and to determine what a "significant amount" is to her. (Note: \$200 was the minimum expectation of members before the requirement was suspended in 2016-2017. Also, these funds will ONLY go to CAF, not other programs.)

This contribution can be provided many ways, for example, by:

- setting up a weekly/monthly auto pay
- getting significant donations from others
- getting sponsors-donors for our fundraising events

WHAT ARE MY COMMITMENTS?

The two main goals for Soroptimist International of Metropolitan Sacramento are raising funds and providing volunteer hours for charitable organizations in our community.

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

Name

Home Address with City, State, Zip

Phone CELL:

HOME:

Occupation (current or former)

Name of Business (if current)

Briefly describe your current or prior career expertise:

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 anything else you would like to tell us about yourself?

Name of your Soroptimist sponsor:

Are you willing to contribute time, effort, talent and money by:

Regularly attending weekly meetings: 8 to 9 a.m. on Thursdays from September through June?

Serving actively on a committee(s) your first year and every year thereafter?

PAYING PROMPTLY:

- The annual membership dues of \$200 (due June 15) for the following year?
- The breakfast costs of \$30 per month, whether or not you attend? (Can be paid monthly, quarterly, or annually)
- The Community Assistance Fund philanthropic contribution?

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

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.