



**To:** Union Presidents  
Presidents of Single Clubs  
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SIE Scholarship Chairperson 2013-15

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## SIE SCHOLARSHIPS 2013-2014

Dear Soroptimist friends,

As you know, Soroptimist International of Europe offers a limited number of scholarships each year in amounts up to but not exceeding Euro 15'000 each, for the purpose of:

- 1) Supporting women in profession undertaking continuing education within their present chosen profession/vocation; regardless of educational level or discipline.
- 2) Supporting women in profession undertaking a pending career change; regardless of educational level or discipline.
- 3) Supporting women from developing countries with an existing SIE Club, towards professional and/or vocational training.

(Reference: Statutes of the SIE Scholarship Fund October 2006, as amended in July 2009, May 2011, July 2012 and Sept.2013)

The **Dr. Noël Scholarship**, in the memory of the founder of the first Soroptimist Club in Europe, shall be awarded to female medical doctors specialized in plastic/reconstructive surgery, undertaking special courses in this field. The Scholarship Fund and the Dr. Noël Fund were merged in 2011 (Governors' Meeting 2011 in Palermo).

Our scholarships are intended to promote the professional and individual skills of the candidate for the benefit of her career and even more for society.

**Each Union may nominate two candidates and each Single Club one candidate.  
Unions will promote candidates recommended by their Clubs.**

The applicants may be Soroptimists or non-Soroptimists. Both have to be recommended by the President of the nominating Club. Preference might be given to applicants attending the last year of their studies or training courses.

You will also find attached the **Scholarship Application Form 2013-2014**, along with the **Instructions and Conditions for Applicants**. The applicants are requested to fill it in **clearly** in English or French, in particular their email addresses, which we will use for communication purposes.

**The Union Presidents are asked to forward this letter to all Club presidents of their Union to inform all possible applicants.**

The completed application form, accompanied by the required documents, and **duly endorsed** is to reach the SIE Scholarship Committee Chair 2013-2015

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**in triplicate, and as for the form, also electronically, and not later than January 15<sup>th</sup> 2014.**



The grantees will be voted on by the Council of Governors at the annual meeting in **July 2014** from among the candidates recommended by the SI/E Board on the proposal of the SI/E Scholarship Committee.

The scholarships/grants are available to successful applicants **from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 to September 30<sup>th</sup> 2015** through **Unions/Single Clubs**. These **are responsible for how the scholarships are utilised and for the submission of the grantees' reports** on completion of their programmes. The scholarships/grants are to be utilised by September 30<sup>th</sup> 2015, at the latest.

Should a grantee, for any reason, be unable to utilise the scholarship/grant as planned, in whole or in part, the Union/Single Club will be responsible for returning the unutilised funds to the SI/E Treasurer.

Kindly note that,

- the SI/E scholarships/grants **do not cover travel expenses between countries,**
- **applications handwritten, incompletely filled out or lacking documentation and signatures will not be considered,**
- you are responsible to inform your candidate(s) about the decision made by the Council of Governors,
- last but not least - the SIE Board will not recommend applicants nominated by a Union or Single Club, which failed to transmit its dues and fees 2013/2014 to the Federation or lacking reports concerning previous scholarships/grants.

With Soroptimist greetings and best wishes,  
SIE Scholarship Committee Chairperson 2013-2015

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