

## Big Goal Accelerator Projects

### What criteria must projects meet to be eligible?

To be eligible, club and region work must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Work only with women and/or girls who are facing obstacles who are not already served by or counted under the Dream Programs (*Live Your Dream Awards* and *Dream It, Be It*)
2. Provide access to education with the ultimate goal of economic empowerment
3. Be a Soroptimist-led hands-on project
4. Be reported to SIA through the official reporting [link](#)

### What kinds of projects are NOT eligible?

Projects that focus on:

- Raising awareness
- Beautification of space
- General social empowerment
- Dream Programs work
- Supporting projects conducted by other organizations, including monetary support
- Providing grants/donated funds given to nonprofit organizations

### What do we mean by “obstacles?”

These are examples of the obstacles that can make accessing education more difficult for a woman or girl:

- Poverty
- Violence
- Racism
- Teen pregnancy
- Being a foster care youth
- Trafficking
- Single parenting
- Substance abuse disorder

### What are some examples of projects that increase access to education for our target population of women and girls facing obstacles?

- Scholarships/awards (for college, technical/vocational school, advanced degrees)
- Removing obstacles (providing necessary items for education like computers, internet, transportation; paying fees for college-preparation exams, college applications, entrance exams, or professional licensure)
- Classes (focused on job training, skills training, applying for financial aid/college, computer training, career mentorship)

Do you have a specific project that you aren't sure is eligible? Email [program@soroptimist.org](mailto:program@soroptimist.org) and we will advise.