FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can my club get applications?
The Live Your Dream Awards application (including reference forms) is available for women to apply completely online. Share this link for women to apply on your social media, in emails, and on flyers: bit.ly/LYDA-apply If a woman does not have internet access, the Writable PDF version of the application is accessible to download here. If you need to order paper applications, please use the application order form.

What is the online Application Portal and why should our club use it?
The Application Portal is a contemporary and streamlined way for women to apply for an award and for your club to manage your applications! For additional questions, see the Live Your Dream Awards Application Portal FAQ.

What can we do to ensure we receive completed applications?
Directing women to use the online Application Portal will ensure all your applications are complete. The Application Portal requires women to answer all of the questions and secure two references before submitting their full application.

What should we do if we do not receive any qualified applications?
Contact your region chair or other clubs in your area to see if they have applications they can share. Another option is to contact SIA Headquarters at lydawards@soroptimist.org – SIA Headquarters receives applications from women who do not live near a Soroptimist club and may have some to share with you!

When and where do we submit our recipient for the next level of judging?
For clubs with district judging, the deadline for submission to the district is February 1. For clubs in regions without districts, the deadline is February 15. Complete a Club Transmittal form to submit with your recipient application. For information about where to send your transmittal and application, please check the region chair directory.

What are the eligibility requirements for the Live Your Dream Awards?
For a full list of the Live Your Dream Awards eligibility requirements please refer to the Eligibility Checklist.

Is a woman still eligible to receive an award if she receives financial assistance or lives in someone else's home?
The Live Your Dream Awards provide resources so women with dependents can increase their standard of living and achieve economic empowerment. While working towards their goals, women may receive government support, child support or live in subsidized housing or in someone else's home. These things do not negate a woman's primary financial responsibility for her dependents or disqualify a woman from being eligible for the program.

What constitutes club participation in the Live Your Dream Awards?
For a club to be counted as participating in the Live Your Dream Awards, the club must give a cash award to a minimum of one eligible woman and then forward her application for district or region-level judging.

Why do we need our Live Your Dream Awards recipient to sign a media consent form?
Many clubs and regions create a news release to further honor their recipient, or use their recipient’s story on their website to advertise the award to future potential applicants. In order to use your recipient’s name and story, you will need her to sign a media consent form first. Some recipients may not be comfortable with having their personal story shared and will choose to not sign the form. In these cases, clubs must honor the recipient’s confidentiality.