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## SIA Program Reference Guide

### Soroptimist Dream Programs

Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. The Dream Programs of Soroptimist ensure women and girls have access to the education they need to reach their full potential and live their dreams. Soroptimist is committed to investing in programs that have a sustainable, measurable change for women and girls.

Soroptimist has a Big Goal to invest in the dreams of half a million women and girls through access to education by 2031. Our Dream Programs and other club work called Big Goal Accelerator Projects will get us there.

#### *Soroptimist Live Your Dream: Education and Training Awards for Women*

The Soroptimist *Live Your Dream Awards* were established in 1972 to assist women with primary financial responsibility for their families to obtain the skills training and education necessary to improve their employment status and standard of living for themselves and their family. Each year, more than US \$2 million in club, region, and federation funds are awarded to over 2,000 women in SIA's member countries and territories across North America, Latin America, and the Pacific Rim. The women receiving these financial awards may use them for any costs associated with their educational efforts, including tuition, books, childcare, and transportation. All the materials your club needs to participate, including an easy-to-use club participation toolkit, can be found in the members section of the website.

[Live Your Dream Awards Resources](#)

#### *Soroptimist Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls*

Soroptimist *Dream It, Be It* targets girls in secondary school who face obstacles to their future success. It provides girls with access to professional role models, career education and the resources to live their dreams. Soroptimist clubs in our countries and territories work in partnership with girls in small groups or a conference setting to provide them with the information and resources they want and need to be successful. The topics covered include career opportunities, setting and achieving goals, overcoming obstacles to success, and how to move forward after setbacks or failures. SIA offers multiple resources on our website to assist clubs with their projects including a planning toolkit, program guide, and the seven session curriculum.

[Dream It, Be It Resources](#)

## Other Soroptimist Programs

### Big Goal Accelerator Projects

Big Goal Accelerator Projects are projects that are NOT the Dream Programs but which DO increase access to education for women and girls facing obstacles to their success. The most common Big Goal Accelerators are scholarships, training classes, or providing required items needed to access education, like laptops.

[Big Goal Accelerator Project Resources](#)

### Soroptimist Club Grants for Education and Economic Empowerment

The Soroptimist Club Grants for Education and Economic Empowerment are awards given to Soroptimist clubs to start or continue projects in their communities that contribute to our Big Goal of investing in the dreams of half a million women and girls through access to education, including *Live Your Dream Awards*, Big Goal Accelerator Projects, and *Dream It, Be It*. The deadline for proposals is March 1 and must be submitted online.

[Soroptimist Club Grants Resources](#)