



Pathway to Success Award Application Guidelines

Pathway to Success is an award sponsored by Soroptimist International of Napa. The award is presented to women in Napa who have encountered roadblocks in their lives but have now identified a path to their future achievement and well-being. The award provides financial support to assist them in reaching their goals through further education and/or training. Multiple awards may be given with the winner awarded \$2,000 and runners-up \$1,000 each.

In most cases, the **Pathway to Success** award will be presented directly to the applicant's school or training program, though this will be determined on an individual basis and according to need.

Final selection will include a personal interview.

Applications and supporting documents become the property of Soroptimist International of Napa, which shall have discretionary authority in all matters pertaining to this award.

Eligibility Criteria

- 1) Must be 21 years of age or older and live in the city of Napa.
- 2) Must demonstrate financial need to enable pursuing additional education/training.
- 3) Must have specific plans to enroll, or remain enrolled, in an undergraduate academic or vocational program.
- 4) The recipient must not be an immediate family member of a Soroptimist club member.

Application and reference form available on www.soroptimistnapa.org

Completed application and references accepted between December 1st, ending March 1st. To be considered complete, the application must include:

- ☐ Complete application form with personal statements and financial information.
- ☐ Two references [see reference link on www.soroptimistnapa.org].
 - You are to email reference forms to two references for completion.
 - Must be 21 or older non-family members that we can contact. {ex – Supervisor, School Counselor}
 - These references should be familiar with your life story and can help us better understand you and your situation.
 - Only the selection committee of the **Pathway to Success** awards program will have access to this information.

GET STARTED: Go to our website www.soroptimistnapa.org :

- ☐ Fillable PDF should be downloaded/saved – complete application
- ☐ Once complete, “save as” document with your first and last name.
- ☐ Email to soroptimistnapa@gmail.com – be sure two references complete/submitted as directed.

PATHWAY TO SUCCESS APPLICATION

Applicant Name _____ Date Completed _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Apt _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Marital Status _____

How did you hear about the Soroptimist International of Napa's Pathway to Success Award?

Number of dependents *you support* and how they are related to you:

Children _____ Ages _____

Grandchildren _____ Ages _____

Siblings _____ Ages _____

Other _____ Describe _____

Highest Level of Education achieved _____ Date Completed _____

Tell us about your education and career goals: _____

What is the name of the degree or certification program you are pursuing?

What's the name of the school or training program you are attending/have been accepted to?

What subject(s) are you studying? _____

When will you complete your studies? _____

Are you or were you working while getting your education? Describe:

Please tell us about your career goals. Be specific about how your education/training supports these goals (300 words or less). Attach statement if necessary.

Pathway to Success Award recipients are chosen in part based on financial need. Please share information about your annual income and expenses and be as exact as you can.

Income: Please list your ANNUAL household income and savings (from the money you have left after taxes) below.

A response is required in each field – if a line does not apply to you, just put “0”.

	Annual Amount
Employment:	
Savings:	
Child Support:	
Alimony:	
Government assistance:	
Social Security:	
Loans:	
Scholarships/Grants:	
Income from other household members:	
Additional income (explain below):	
TOTAL	

Income Notes:

A response is required in each field – if a line does not apply to you, just put “N/A”.

If you listed "Income from other household members", describe here:	
If you listed "Additional Income", describe here:	
Use this space to include any clarifying notes about your income listed above.	

Expenses: Please list your ANNUAL household expenses below.

A response is required in each field – if a line does not apply to you, just put “0”.

	Annual Amount
Housing:	
Food:	
Child Care:	
Utilities:	
Tuition:	
Medical/Dental:	
Transportation:	
School supplies e.g. Books/computer:	
Additional Expenses (explain below):	
TOTAL	

Expense Notes:

A response is required in each field – if a line does not apply to you, just put “N/A”.

If you listed "Additional expenses", describe here:	
Use this space to include any clarifying notes about your expenses listed above:	

You faced some challenges; you’ve worked hard to overcome them..... now tell us how this award could help you on your Path to Success in 750 words or less. Please prepare a separate essay and submit with this application.

Important note: We make an effort to protect your personal information. You can help by not mentioning specific names of individuals or names of specific places you’ve worked or lived in your response. Use phrases like “my child/partner” or “my workplace” instead.

Please read the following information carefully. When you type your name below, you're are agreeing to the following:

- I certify that all information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I will notify the designated club to which I have submitted this application if there are any changes.
- I understand this award is taxable in the United States.
- I certify that this is the only application I have made this year for an award from Soroptimist International of Napa
- I understand that my application, photo, and supporting materials become the property of Soroptimist International of Napa (SI Napa) upon submission, and that SI Napa shall have sole discretion in using these materials for the purpose of publicizing *The Pathway to Success Award*.

Signature_____

Printed name _____

Date completed _____