



**Soroptimist International of the Americas
Golden West Region - Grant of Friendship
3 Weeks – from May 17 – June 7, 2012
Visiting California, Arizona & Nevada USA**

The clubs in Golden West Region, SIA are offering a 3-week Grant of Friendship from May 17 – June 7, 2012 to (2) Soroptimists living outside the continental limits of the United States. The Grant includes home hospitality, travel between host clubs and participation in local clubs and Golden West Region scheduled Conference at Bally's in Las Vegas, Nevada May 31 – June 2, 2012. Recipients are responsible for travel to Los Angeles, CA and return from Phoenix, Arizona.

Dates: May 17, 2012 – June 7, 2012 Deadline to Apply: October 1, 2011

Requirements/Expectations:

- Recipients are responsible for travel to arrive into Los Angeles, California (LAX) and depart from Phoenix, Arizona (PHX). Home hospitality, travel between host clubs and participation in club and region scheduled activities will be provided by Golden West Region and/or host clubs.
- Recipients must be able to speak English, and should be prepared to share information about their club and local service activities with Soroptimists at the Golden West Region Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Recipients need to carry proof of valid medical insurance, good in USA.
- Recipients are responsible for securing necessary visas, if applicable.

Process to Apply:

- Complete the Application for the GWR Grant of Friendship, which includes a brief resume of your Soroptimist experience, including classification, offices held, interests, and a statement of what you hope to gain from participating in the Golden West Region Grant of Friendship and what you plan to do if selected as a recipient to further the development of friendship among countries. Please include your full name, address, telephone, fax, and email contact information.

EMAIL ONLY BY OCTOBER 1, 2012 to:

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**Golden West Region
Offering 3 WEEK Grant of Friendship
to Southwestern USA
May 17 – June 7, 2012**

The Golden West Region (Southwestern United States) is offering a three (3) week Grant of Friendship from May 17, 2012 through June 7, 2012. Golden West Region's Soroptimist clubs encompass parts of Southern California (including Palm Springs), Arizona, New Mexico and El Paso, Texas, allowing the successful applicants the chance to experience much of the diversity the Southwestern States. Grant of Friendship recipients will be the guests of the Golden West Region at our annual Spring Conference, which will be held in *Las Vegas, Nevada*, from May 31st –June 2nd. The Grant of Friendship will include: **a Day at Universal Studios, Hollywood, CA; a SPA Day at Glen Ivy Hot Springs, a Palm Spring stay with shopping and Ariel Tram Ride; Lunch at the Colorado River; trip to Tucson, Arizona with a visit to the world famous Biosphere, Tombstone and the Desert Museum; 3 nights at Region Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada; and trip to Flagstaff, Arizona with rail trip through the Grand Canyon.**

The grant is for *two English speaking Soroptimists who have not been recipients of previous grants*. The Region will offer home hospitality and accommodations for the **3 weeks between May 17th and June 7, 2012,** in *Rancho Cucamonga, Corona, San Jacinto/Hemet, and Palm Springs, California* as well as *Tucson and Flagstaff, Arizona*. Hotel accommodations will be included for *3 nights at the Region Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada*.

The recipients will be expected to pay all travelling expenses to and from the United States, arriving into Los Angeles, CA (LAX) on May 17, 2012 and departing Phoenix, AZ (PHX) on June 7, 2012, as well as pay for all items of a personal nature and carry valid proof of medical insurance at all times. Transport from arrival and departure airports and between clubs and the region conference, will be provided. Recipients will be asked to speak at the Region Conference, as well as present a workshop about their local club or region service projects. If a club meeting coincides with a visit, the guests may be asked to speak informally.

Application Form and Instructions are attached.

Applications Close October 1, 2011 and should be sent by email to:

Kathy McElvany, Golden West Region SI Liaison Coordinator
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Telephone: 909-949-1150 (Home/Business) or 909-560-2507 (Cell)

Soroptimist International of the Americas
Golden West Region
2011 GRANT OF FRIENDSHIP APPLICATION



NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

DAYTIME PHONE:

EVENING PHONE:

CLUB:

YEARS IN SOROPTIMIST:

Please complete one
Application for
EACH Participant
But submit together to
EMAIL or mailing
address below.

Soroptimist Experience

Club Offices:

Club Committee Chairmanships:

Region/Union Experience:

Federation Experience:

Personal Experience

Education:

Hobbies & Interests:

Special needs or disabilities that we need to be aware of?

What do you hope to gain from this Grant of Friendship experience?

**What do you plan to do if selected as a recipient to further the development of
friendship among our Soroptimist countries?**

Other considerations you might like to share:

(Please use other side or additional page)

RETURN COMPLETE APPLICATION TO:

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