



## SI/E SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

### INFORMATION

In 1968 SI/E established a Scholarship Fund. Subject to the Scholarship Fund Statutes (amended at the Governors' Meeting 2010 in Palermo / to be downloaded at the SI/E website/Member area) the scholarships/grants shall be awarded to women in profession or business who want to undertake further training or a pending career change. Women who have started a professional and/or vocational training may be awarded as well when they are living in a developing country with an existing SI/E Club. The candidates may be Soroptimists or non-Soroptimists. Preference will be given to professions and vocations in non-traditional fields for women and to candidates attending the last year of their studies or training courses.

The Dr.Noël Scholarship, remembering the founder of the first Soroptimist Club in Europe, shall be awarded to female medical doctors specialised in plastic/reconstructive surgery, undertaking special courses in this field. The Scholarship Fund and the Dr.Noël Fund are merged in 2011 (Governors' Meeting 2011 in Palermo)

Each year the total amount available for scholarships/grants is about 95'000 Euros and the maximum for each scholarship/grant is 10'000 Euros.

A Union may nominate two candidates and a Single Club one candidate. Unions can only promote candidates recommended by their Clubs. The Soroptimist Club who promoted the candidate is responsible for the application as well as the follow-up of the grantee's progress during the scholarship period and the grantee's final report back to SI/E. For monitoring the impact of the scholarships/grants on the professional/vocational advancement of the awarded women it is also necessary to follow-up the grantees for some years after finishing their studies/trainings.

For the purpose of proposing suitable candidates, each Union or Single Club may set up a Scholarship Committee or Officer that will be responsible for selecting the candidates after a thorough examination of their qualifications. It is important to create awareness of the possibilities the SI/E scholarship/grant gives and, last but not least, to promote it. The SI/E Scholarship Fund is a tool to increase the number of potential members and to advocate all our goals.

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