**SOROPTIMISTS ARE PROFESSIONAL WOMEN OF ALL AGES, CULTURES AND ETHNIC GROUPS**

**WHO WORK THROUGH A PROGRAMME OF SERVICE**

**TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR WOMEN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.**

The name “SOROPTIMIST” is derived from the Latin ‘SOROR’ and ‘OPTIMA’ which literally means ‘THE BEST SISTER’.

Soroptimist International (SI) was established in 1921. SI has a voice at the United Nations, working through Soroptimist U.N. representatives. There are over 75,000 members in 130 countries and over 3,000 SI Clubs.

There are four International Federations: Americas; Great Britain and Ireland; Europe; South West Pacific.

SI Griffith NSW belongs to the Federation of the South West Pacific (SISWP). Other countries in our Federation include Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Peoples Republic of China and Thailand.

Projects SI Griffith have been involved with include:

* Birthing in the Pacific (An International Project)
* Educate to Lead (The Nepal Project)
* Sanctuary to Shelter for Girls in Fiji
* Walk a Mile in Her Shoes (Against Domestic Violence)
* Days for Girls
* Meals on Wheels
* Far West Children’s Health Scheme
* Griffith Citrus Sculpture
* Women On Fire
* Women’s’ Health Issues
* Elder Abuse Forum
* Tertiary Scholarship/Vocational Educational Grants for local Women

SI Griffith offers three annual scholarships (Tertiary $1,500; TAFENSW $500 and WRCC $500)

to female students undertaking tertiary and vocational studies.

**To apply for these scholarships:**

**Contact Scholarship Convenor:** Sue Delves mobile: 0435 635 605

email:sigriffith@siswp.org

**Apply online: http://bit.ly/SIGriffithScholarship2019**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE:**

 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION GRANTS (TAFE /WRCC) **- 25 OCTOBER 2019**

TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP **- 20DECEMBER 2019**

**President: Louise Miller PO Box 95**

**Secretary: Gerry Rohan Griffith NSW 2680**

**Treasurer: Helen Brill**

**SI GRIFFITH**

**2020 TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP**

**$1,500 for one year**

Soroptimists International is a global movement working to transform the lives of women and girls by advocating for equity and equality, creating safe healthy environments, increasing access to education and developing leadership and practical skill for a sustainable future.

To encourage local young women to pursue a tertiary education, the members of Soroptimist International Griffith are very pleased to be offering a $1,500 Tertiary Scholarship, to a young woman who has attended a Griffith Secondary School and who is planning to undertake full time tertiary study in 2020 or 2021.

The successful applicant will be invited to give a short talk at a Soroptimist dinner meeting in 2020. They are also encouraged to correspond with SI Griffith during the year of their scholarship.

The successful applicant will be determined by an SI Griffith committee.

To be eligible, applicants must:

* Be female.
* Have completed the Higher School Certificate at a Griffith Secondary School.
* Be planning to undertake full time studies at a tertiary training organisation.
* Complete an application form.
* Be an Australian, an Australian permanent resident or holder of a permanent humanitarian visa
* Demonstrate a commitment to study and have career aspirations (provide a personal statement not more than 300 words)
* Provide two referee reports to support your application;
* academic reference from a person competent to comment on your capacity to undertake/continue tertiary studies e.g. subject coordinator, teacher
* character reference from a person competent to comment on your suitability for the grant e.g. counsellor, employer

**SI GRIFFITH**

**2020 TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP**

**APPLICATION FORM**

**($1,500 for one year)**

Please read the scholarship information before completing the application form.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 20th DECEMBER 2019**

**NAME ………………………………………………………………………………………… Date of Birth……………………………..**

**PHONE: ………………………MOBILE: ……………………… EMAIL ………………………………………………………………...**

**SCHOOL ATTENDED**…………………………………………………………………….. **Year HSC Completed**......................

(Applicants should have completed their secondary studies at a School Campus in Griffith NSW)

O **COPY OF YOUR TRIAL HSC RESULTS ATTACHED**

**DO YOU INTEND TO APPLY FOR ANY FORM OF ASSISTANCE WHILE UNDERTAKING TERTIARY STUDY? NO / YES (Please list)**

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**ARE YOU CONSIDERING A GAP YEAR IN 2020? NO UNSURE YES**

**IF YES, EXPLAIN WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO IN THAT YEAR**

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**SUMMARISE YOUR PREVIOUS AND CURRENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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**PLEASE LIST ANY WORK UNDERTAKEN IN THE LAST 3 YEARS.**

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**PLEASE LIST ANY SPORTING, CULTURAL and COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS**

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**PLEASE ATTACH:**

O **PERSONAL STATEMENT OUTLINING YOUR CAREER GOALS, COMMITMENT TO STUDY AND THE REASONS FOR APPLYING FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP (maximum 300 words)**

O **SCHOOL REFERENCE**

**CONTACT NAME AND DETAILS OF TWO REFEREES (Personal or Employment)**

**Please note referees cannot be a person related to you.**

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| **REFEREE ONE**  | **REFEREE TWO** |
| **NAME** | **NAME** |
| **CONTACT DETAILS**Phone:Email: | **CONTACT DETAILS**Phone:Email: |
| **RELATIONSHIP TO YOU**School staff memberEmployerPersonal FriendOther | **RELATIONSHIP TO YOU**School staff memberEmployerPersonal FriendOther |

**Please indicate which date would suit you for an interview in January 2020:**

O Sat 11 Jan O Sat 18 Jan O Sat 25 Jan

**HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE SOROPTIMIST SCHOLARSHIP?**

OFamily/Friend OTeacher/school staff member ORadio/TV/Newspaper

OBrochure/flyerOSocial MediaOOther **……………………………….**

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