



SOROPTIMIST
International of Vacaville
Investing in Dreams

Mary Harris Memorial Scholarship

Soroptimist International of Vacaville, a women's service organization, is searching for an exceptional woman to award a \$9000 scholarship, which will be paid out in \$3000 installments within 3 consecutive years. Applicants must be a graduate of a Vacaville Unified School District high school or a resident of Vacaville at the time of high school graduation.

The applicant must have achieved a high school GPA of 3.0 or above, be currently enrolled in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university, be a college freshman, or above, with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and must be working towards a B.A. or B.S. or graduate degree. Applications may be submitted after completion of the first semester of study; students in their 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year of college / university, especially those continuing on to graduate school are encouraged to apply. Depending on your length of study, you may receive funding for one, two, or the full three years.

The applicant must be majoring within the spectrum of Fine Arts, such as the Visual Arts, Dance, Music, and Culinary Arts; Literature, Creative Writing, Graphic Design, Marketing, Fashion, Enology or Viticulture.

All applications will be judged with anonymity and will be scored based upon financial need, grades, volunteerism / community activities, letters of recommendation, and submission of an essay and portfolio of work (if applicable to your area of study).

Awarding the scholarship for the 2nd year and 3rd year requires the committee receiving a college/university transcript, and if applicable, a current portfolio, verifying her progress, continuing with one of the approved major areas of study, a course load of 12 units or more per semester, maintaining good academic standing throughout the period of scholarship support, and minimum GPA of 3.0. If any of these requirements are not, the award money for 2nd or 3rd year will be forfeited

The deadline for applications is April 16, 2021. Electronic submission is encouraged.

Soroptimist Application Packets will be available February 20, 2021 on www.vacavillesoroptimist.org or by sending an e-mail to sivacaville@soroptimist.org.

The mailing address is:

Soroptimist International of Vacaville
Attn: Scholarship Committee
PO Box 6054
Vacaville, CA 95696

Meet Mary:

Our always fashionable and elegant Mary Harris, had a B.A. in Art History, but her career ended up in marketing. She was Marketing Director for several malls, including the large mall in Fairfield. Mary was quite artistic and supported various arts organizations. She owned a Napa vineyard, and could always be counted on to donate some of her fine wine to an event. Mary was a proponent of education and reading; in 2002 she developed our ongoing Soroptimist After School Reading program. Mary was a beautiful person who helped make her corner of the world a better place. This scholarship will help a special woman embody the spirit of Mary.

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Spring 2020

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased that you are interested in pursuing your college education and are applying for the Mary Harris Memorial Scholarship from Soroptimist International of Vacaville.

Eligibility:

Soroptimist International of Vacaville, a volunteer service organization, is offering its 2020 Mary Harris Memorial Scholarship to women who are graduates of a Vacaville Unified School District high school or were a resident of Vacaville at the time of high school graduation. Applicants must currently be enrolled in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university (freshman or higher) and working towards a four-year degree or have been accepted/are currently enrolled in graduate studies.

The applicant must be majoring within the spectrum of Fine Arts, such as the Visual Arts, Dance, Music, and Culinary Arts; Literature, Creative Writing, Graphic Design, Marketing, Fashion, Enology or Viticulture.

Those who wish to submit a qualifying application must have attained a high school GPA of 3.0 or above and have a current college GPA of 3.0 as well. The required documentation is listed on the Scholarship Application Form.

Submission requirements:

- **Scholarship Application**
- **Three** letters of recommendation are required. The letters may not be from family members and should be from persons related to your educational or employment endeavors. (See specifics on application) We want to learn about you from people who know you well and who are aware of your goals and aspirations. They should also understand your ability to accomplish goals, meet deadlines and must be aware of your work ethic.
- **Summary statement**
- **Essay**
- **HS transcripts (unofficial accepted)**
- **College transcripts (unofficial accepted)**
- **Proof of current college enrollment**
- **Financial need statement**

All criteria must be met in order to be eligible for these scholarships.

Application deadline: Applications may be e-mailed to sivacaville@soroptimist.net, or mailed to
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Your application must be postmarked no later than **April 16, 2021**.

Any questions should be directed to the committee at sivacaville@soroptimist.net or (707) 474-8863. Remember that we wish for you to be successful with the application process and no question is too insignificant. We will be glad to help you to the extent possible, but you must let us know what you need. All application packets remain sealed until the deadline, so it is entirely your responsibility to be sure that all required documentation is included.

We wish you the very best in the application process and look forward to receiving your completed application.

Sincerely,

The Scholarship Committee

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Vacaville, CA 95696-6054

2020 Scholarship Application Form
Application Deadline – April 16, 2021

Applicant Name:		Date of Birth:
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone Number:	Email Address:	
High School Attended:		Year Graduated:
College Attending:		
Major:	Minor:	

I have enclosed the following as part of my application.

- High School Transcript (Official transcripts not necessary; copies are acceptable)
- College Transcripts or copies for all colleges attended and/or progress reports (Unofficial transcripts are acceptable)
- Proof of college enrollment
- Three (3) letters of recommendation: At least one from a faculty member or college administrator and at least one from a member of the community. (No letters from family members. Must be on letterhead.)
- Summary Statement - On a separate sheet, please include major, minor, choice of occupation, honors, achievements, interests, volunteer / community activities.
- Essay – In a 350 word essay, tell us about yourself and your plans and goals, by answering the question of "Why do I deserve this scholarship and what impact will it have."
- Financial need - Please indicate whether you are self-supporting or the percentage of your tuition for which you are responsible. Include any financial aid you will be receiving and your/your parent's income information.

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2020 Applicant Summary Statement
Application Deadline – April 16, 2021

College Major(s):
College Minor(s):
Choice of Career Occupation:

List of honors, achievements, interests, and volunteer / community activities



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2020 Application Essay
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Essay - In a 350 word essay, tell us about yourself and your plans and goals, by answering the question of "Why do I deserve this scholarship and what impact will it have."

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2020 Applicant Financial Need Statement

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EXPENSES

Educational Expenses: Include tuition, mandatory fees, books, lab fees, supplies, online services, health insurance if required, etc. \$ _____

Room and Board: Include room, meals, utilities, phone, water, sewage, groceries, dining out, beverages, etc. \$ _____

Personal Expenses: Laundry, clothes, telephone, personal care, entertainment, recreation, insurance, memberships, etc. \$ _____

Transportation: Car payments, gas/oil, public transportation, normal car maintenance, car insurance, etc. \$ _____

Other: List what other types of expense you will have:

 _____ \$ _____

Total Expenses \$ _____

INCOME

Wages and Tips (less taxes and other deductions) \$ _____

Other Scholarships \$ _____

Financial Aid From College/University \$ _____

Federal Student Loan \$ _____

Other Loan \$ _____

Support From Parents \$ _____

Support From Other Than Parents \$ _____

Other Income (show source)

 _____ \$ _____

Total Income \$ _____

Savings and Other Liquid Assets

 _____ \$ _____

Total Income and Assets \$ _____

I certify that this is a true representation of my estimated expenses, income and assets for the coming academic year.

Signed _____ Date _____

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