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A woman with a voice is by definition a strong woman.”

# Soroptimist International of Downey Judy McDonnell Scholarship

# \$1,000

Cerritos College Female Student  
Pursuing a Career in a Business-related field

Deadline: ~~Wednesday, April 1st, 2026~~  
**EXTENDED TO APRIL 10TH**

## CRITERIA

*Currently be a student at Cerritos College pursuing a career in a business-related field.*

- *Female Student*
- *Have a 2.8 GPA or better*
- *Demonstrate financial need*
- *Use the Scholarship to assist in covering cost of education*



## APPLICATION PROCESS

*Submit required documentation to the Financial Aid office no later than the deadline date.*

- *Cover letter*
- *Scholarship Application*
- *Two personal reference forms are required.*

***Deadline Extended: Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 2026***

## WHAT HAPPENDS NEXT

*Interviews will be conducted for final consideration in April.*

***For more information contact Ashley Alcantar at [aalcantar@cerritos.edu](mailto:aalcantar@cerritos.edu)***

**Judy McDonnell Scholarship**  
**For a Student at Cerritos Community College**

funded by  
**Soroptimist International of Downey**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Please complete this application thoroughly. Remember, if you have any questions, please contact the Soroptimist listed on page 1.

Before you begin this application, BE VERY CLEAR THAT YOU MEET THE CRITERIA AS STATED ON THIS FORM. In ALL cases an application is more professional looking and easier to read if it is typewritten. If you absolutely cannot get your application typed, USE BLACK INK AND PRINT VERY LEGIBLY. MAIL TO THE SOROPTIMIST LISTED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM.

**PART 1....PERSONAL DATA**

Complete **ALL** items as specified.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code / Telephone# (days) \_\_\_\_\_ (evenings) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date from Cerritos College: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative G.P.A. in all college work \_\_\_\_ \_  
(Please attach copy of transcript)

What is your relationship with, or your future plans with the city of Downey? \_\_\_\_\_

**.....FINANCIAL NEED**

Number of Dependents (including self) \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Income: \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Expenses: \_\_\_\_\_



### **PART 3..... REFERENCES**

References must be from persons not related to you. It is YOUR responsibility to obtain two (2) personal references and to either turn them in with your application or to make sure they are sent in by the person you have asked to write the reference.

CAREFULLY select who will serve as your reference by considering the optional attached Personal Reference format. The more the individual knows about you, your circumstances, your victories, and the challenges you have met, the greater the chance your reference will be able to give a complete description of you which will help the judges evaluate you in relation to other applicants.

**GOOD LUCK!**

**CONTACT THE SOROPTIMIST DESIGNATED ON PAGE 1 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.**

I have read and hereby accept the conditions, rules, and regulations outlined on page 1 of this application, and I agree to accept the decision of the judges as final.

I certify that I did not receive any assistance (other than typing, if applicable) in completing this application.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Soroptimist International of Downey

### PERSONAL REFERENCE FOR AN APPLICANT FOR THE Judy McDonnell Scholarship

Thank you for taking the next few moments of your time to recommend \_\_\_\_\_ for consideration as a Soroptimist scholarship award candidate. Criteria for selection for this award follow. Please use your personal knowledge of this candidate to respond to the following questions.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity (friend, employer, etc.)?
2. What is your personal knowledge of the applicant's accomplishments in her life? (Address specific examples of activities at school, home, community, church, work, etc.)
3. What is your personal knowledge of the applicant's career plans and her goals for the future?
4. What additional recommendations would you like to mention that you think the judges should know about the applicant? (Please refer to the criteria)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Day:

Evening:

