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***Ethel F. Lord Fellowship***

Funded by

NORTH ATLANTIC REGION  
Soroptimist International of the Americas

Soroptimist is an international organization for women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. Almost 95,000

Soroptimist in approximately 120 countries and territories contribute time and financial support to community–based and international projects that benefit women and girls.

The name, Soroptimist, means "best for women," and that's what the organization strives to achieve. Soroptimists are women at their best, working to help other women to be their best.   
  
Soroptimist members belong to local clubs, which implement the Soroptimist Foundation Dream programs in their local communities. The Live Your Dream grant is awarded to a woman that is head of household, returning to college or trade school for additional training and education to improve the economic status of themselves and their families. The Dream it Be it program provides career support and planning to girls 14 to 18 years of age. Clubs also can design additional programs based on the need in their own communities. These projects work to remove barriers that exist in their communities that keep women and girls from getting the education they need to live their dreams.

ETHEL F. LORD FELLOWSHIPS are granted by the North Atlantic Region to Women Veterans who are in financial need, to improve their quality of life and/or fulfill their career goals. The Fellowship is a benefit to aid the recipient in a broad spectrum of social and economic challenges that the woman veteran is facing, and/or help in the pursuit of a vocation or education degree. To qualify for consideration, the woman veteran must reside within the geographic area of the North Atlantic Region and must demonstrate through documentation her financial need. The Region encompasses all or parts of New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island, Vermont, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Wheeling, West Virginia.

*“Many women veterans face challenges when returning to civilian life that are different from those of their male counterparts, including raising children on their own or dealing with the psychological aftereffects of events such as military sexual trauma. These issues, without intervention, can put women veterans at greater risk of becoming homeless. This makes VA’s efforts to provide housing and health care support even more critical. It is a challenge VA continues to embrace”.* <http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/for_women_veterans.asp>

This is a monetary award of **no less than** $1,000. The 2025 award will be presented in May 2025. The North Atlantic Region encourages the recipient to attend the conference to receive the fellowship and to briefly speak about her goals as a woman veteran.

APPLICATION ATTACHED

**ETHEL F. LORD FELLOWSHIP**

**A P P L I C A T I O N**

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***AS PART OF THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING TYPED:***

**RESUME**

**DD214** (Documentation of Service)

**THREE (3) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

**YOUR RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS** (each 100 words or less, please no handwriting)

1. As a woman veteran, what do you feel are the major obstacles facing Women Veterans today?
2. What do you believe should be available to Women Veterans?
3. Why is there a need for financial aid for Women Veterans?
4. In your opinion, how should research and development programs for women veterans be made available for women veterans after they have served?
5. Who has influenced you in your choice to pursue your goals? In what way?
6. What are your future goals?

**YOUR LETTER EXPLAINING WHY YOU NEED THIS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** (may be up to two type-written pages – please no handwriting)

**LIST ALL GRANTS, AIDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS YOU HAVE RECEIVED:**

**SOURCE & PURPOSE BEGIN DATE END DATE $ AMOUNT**

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Applicant Signature Date

If I am awarded an ***Ethel F. Lord Fellowship***, I hereby agree to update the North Atlantic Region of Soroptimist International of the Americas regarding my progress by means of a letter to the North Atlantic Region Board, emailed to: lisa.malago@outlook.com by April 1st, 2025.

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Signature Date

I hereby attest that this entire application is true and correct, and I understand and agree that it becomes the property of the Ethel F. Lord Fellowship Committee, and that this Committee has full discretionary authority in all matters pertaining to Ethel F. Lord Fellowships.

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Signature Date

**IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED, A COMPLETE APPLICATION IT MUST BE EMAILED/RECEIVED BY 12:00 PM EST: April 1st, 2025**

Lisa Malago, Chair

122 Breakneck Avenue

Connellsville, PA 15425

Lisa.malago@outlook.com

Ethel F. Lord Fellowship in subject line

Cell: 724-323-4567

Letters of recommendation may also be emailed to [lisa.malago@outlook.com](mailto:lisa.malago@outlook.com) with Ethel F. Lord Recommendation in subject heading.

**VERY IMPORTANT:**

**If receipt of application, letters, and/or misc. items is not acknowledged within**

**three days of sending, please resend and call cell listed above.**

Recommend that this page should be given to those who are writing letters.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT MEMBERSHIP IN SOROPTIMIST, PLEASE INCLUDE A SEPARATE REQUEST WITH YOUR APPLICATION OR VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.SOROPTIMISTNAR.ORG or visit our Face Book page.