

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF OLYMPIA

Steps In Opportunity Tech Award

About the Steps in Opportunity Tech Award

Soroptimist International of Olympia is a vibrant, dynamic organization for today's women. We are committed to a world where women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams. Our mission is to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

The Steps In Opportunity Tech Award was created in response to a need in our Thurston County community. The importance of education along with the rising costs associated with women achieving their goals were some of the factors considered in the creation of this award. This award is available to all female-identifying individuals who find themselves in need of financial assistance for a piece of technology to complete their education. This is a competitive process.

An award will be presented to a female-identifying applicant who is 16-21 years of age with demonstrated financial need in pursuit of their future educational goals. The maximum value of the award is \$500 and will be used to assist with the purchase of the recipient's technology needs. Once selected, the recipient will choose their technology, and our club will purchase it directly – or reimburse the recipient after purchase – within the award amount.

This award includes, but is not limited to, applicants who are in their final stages of completing or pursuing their high school diploma, diploma equivalency, or GED and/or are pursuing or plan to pursue a vocational certificate, technical certificate, or various undergraduate degrees – i.e., associates or bachelor's degrees.

Application Information

To apply for consideration for this award, please complete the following application and attach the following documents to qualify:

- 1.) Personal Statement that explains educational goals or participation in an online interview;
- 2.) Current Transcripts or Proof of Enrollment (or similar documents);
- 3.) Statement of Financial Need (proof of financial assistance from other sources).

Please return the completed application by mail at **PO Box 6472 Olympia WA, 98507**, or send an electronic version to **siotechaward@gmail.com**. Contact our club via email with any questions or concerns about this application. Best of luck with your application process!

Steps in Opportunity Tech Award Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Birthdate: _____
Last First

Address: _____
Mailing Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

What are your educational goals? *
(Include in a personal statement if needed): _____

Do you have a financial need? YES NO Can you attend a club meeting to receive the award? YES NO
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Do you intend to use this award for tech? YES NO Tech needed: _____
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Are you currently in high school or college? YES NO
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If no to any of the above, explain your plans: * _____

***Place additional information on a separate page.**

Please send this completed application along with additional application materials, personal statement, transcripts or proof of enrollment, and statement of financial need to;

ATTN: SIO Steps In Opportunity Committee

PO Box 6472, Olympia WA 98507 or

siotechaward@gmail.com

Applications accepted January 2024 – March 29, 2024

Award(s) announced by April 30, 2024

Thank you for your interest in the SIO Steps In Opportunity Award!