

# The Soroptimist International of Long Beach S-Club Continuing Education Award

## Application Guidelines

### Purpose

Soroptimist International of Long Beach (SILB) has established the *SILB S-Club Continuing Education Award* as an on-going recognition of senior "S" Club members, who while maintaining satisfactory academic standards, have contributed significantly to their schools, communities and clubs. Awards are based on funds available. The Awards Committee determines the amount and number of awards given. Awardees are announced at a time determined by the Awards Committee.

Possible Award Categories ( One from each category) – All categories require that the recipient participate in club activities.

**Superior Service Award** (\$2,000) – for a member who has been involved in S-Club activities, SILB events and other outside community service activities

**Leadership Award** (\$1,500) – for a member who has served as an officer and who has shown excellent follow through and dedication to S-club and its activities

**Spirit Award** (\$1,500) – for a member who has overcome some obstacle in her life.

Eligibility Criteria - Candidates for the award must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a graduating "S" Club senior who has been a member of "S" Club for at least two full years prior to the submission of this application.
2. Be accepted into an accredited program at a vocational school, college or university.
3. Participated in community service through S-Club.

Application Procedures - To apply for this award, applicants must submit the following information by April 1st to :  
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SILB  
P. O. Box 15064  
Long Beach, CA 90815-0064

1. A completed application form
2. An official high school transcript
3. A copy of acceptance letter to college or university
4. Two letters of recommendation
  1. One from school principal, counselor, teacher, or S-Club Advisor
  2. One from outside of school
5. A typed essay of 500 – 750 words including responses to the following:
  - a. How has S-Club involvement influenced you (e.g., your ideas, your sense of self, your understanding of the importance of community service) and how will you use this experience to help others?
  - b. What have you enjoyed the most about being in S-Club?
  - c. Describe any extenuating circumstance in your life or obstacle you have overcome.

Applications will be judged on:

1. Essay
2. Leadership
2. Extenuating circumstance (for Spirit award only)
3. School and community service
4. Letters of recommendation
5. Oral interview (Optional, only if time permits)

#### Payment of Award

Upon proof of enrollment in college or university, payment will be sent directly to the school. Money must be claimed within six months from date of award.

Applications may be obtained on line at [www.si-longbeach.org](http://www.si-longbeach.org) or contact Dr. Jana Martin 562-596-7719 or Robin Thorne 562-984-0539

#### SCORING SYSTEM

- Essay – up to 20 points
- Complete package –15 points
- SILB/S-Club activities – up to 30 points
- Extenuating circumstance – 10 points (applicable only to Spirit Award bonus)
- Letters of recommendation – 15 points
- Other community service – up to 20 points

Soroptimist members and their family are not eligible for scholarships from SILB.

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S-Club Continuing Education Award Application**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of high school: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college/university: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

School official's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

List S-Club activities you have participated in: \_\_\_\_\_

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List SILB activities you have assisted with: \_\_\_\_\_

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List outside community service projects you have participated in: \_\_\_\_\_

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TERMS OF AGREEMENT AND CONSENT TO RELEASE

- I understand that if any application information I provide on my behalf is false, misleading or incomplete, I will not be eligible for any scholarship award.
- Any scholarship awarded to me will be revoked if the information I have provided is found to be false, misleading or incomplete, and I will need to return any amounts paid to me.
- I also understand that if my circumstances change, so that I no longer meet the criteria for this award, I must immediately notify the SILB Awards Committee, and the award will be revoked.
- If I accept an award, I agree that my name may be published as listed below:
- Please initial indicating permission given

\_\_\_\_Website  
\_\_\_\_Newsletters  
\_\_\_\_Other Media

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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