

## **Memorial Fund**

For Soroptimists to attend their first SIGBI Conference outside their country of residence.

### **Purpose:**

To facilitate new Soroptimists attending their first SIGBI Conference, outside their country of residence and increase their knowledge of SI as an International Organisation which they can share with others.

### **To clarify:**

When the Conference is held within the UK, the fund is open to applications from members in countries other than from the UK and Republic of Ireland.

When the Conference is held outside of the UK, the fund is open to applications from members in all countries, other than the country in which the conference is to be held.

### **The applicant should:**

- Have been a member between 2 and 5 years at the time of attending the Conference.
- Be actively involved in their Club.
- Ensure their application is agreed by their Club and include information about why the club thinks they should attend.
- Have not attended a Federation Conference before.
- Submit their completed application by 31st March 2019.
- Note that the funding will be given to any applicant only once and if they are unsuccessful they may apply again.
- Ensure they complete the application form including a short statement (250 words) about their view of Soroptimism and why/how a visit to Conference would benefit their membership and encourage others.
- Write a short piece for the magazine and report to their Club, Region, National Association or Network after Conference.

### **Selection:**

- Selection of successful applicants will be made by the Memorial Fund Committee.
- The successful recipients will have their travel expenses and two night's accommodation at the per diem rate currently in use by the Federation.
- Please note, successful applicants will need to pay for their own Conference Registration fee (and banquet if required), as this is not included in the funding listed in point 2 above.
- Flights must not be booked until visas have been approved.

I look forward to receiving your application and seeing you at Conference.

Gina Coad  
Executive Officer