Soroptimist International of Chico
Community Grant Application

Our mission is to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. Learn more: SoroptimistChico.org

Please tell us about your nonprofit organization

- **Nonprofit Name:** Seeds of Learning
- **Website Address:** www.seedsoflearning.org
- **Facebook Address:** www.facebook.com/seedsoflearnig
- **Mailing Address:** PO Box 2107, Sonoma, CA 95476
- **Contact Name & Title:** Annie Bacon, Executive Director
- **Contact Email:** annie@seedsoflearning.org
- **Preferred Phone:** 707 939 0471

What is the mission of your nonprofit organization?
Seeds of Learning is dedicated to promoting conditions for quality learning in developing communities of the Americas while educating its North American constituents about the rich cultural diversity and the educational and social needs of poorly resourced communities in Central America.

How does your nonprofit organization benefit women and girls?
Seeds of Learning offers comprehensive scholarships to economically impoverished rural students. Scholarships are offered to students from kindergarten through university. In 2020, Seeds of Learning supported 60 young women (and 27 young men).

Briefly describe the project or nature of the needs of your nonprofit organization. Is this a new or ongoing expense?
Our scholarship program is a comprehensive program that offers school supplies, classes, and overall mentoring and educational support to each student. The cost of supporting a student is $500 per year.

How many people will these funds benefit?
In 2020, we supported 60 young women in the scholarship program. One of those young women was Kristian Natalie Artola who the Club has supported in the past. Kristian continues to be part of our EAP/ Scholarship program. She is now 13 years old and is in her second year of high school. Kristian has participated in music, dance and art classes at the SOL-Dario Learning Resource Center (LRC) and her mother has been very actively involved as a volunteer in our Reading Campaign during the last several years. She told me a few months ago that she received her classes over Zoom and via Google Classroom for several months and seemed to be adapting well to this change in format.

Attached to this application you will find a little more information about Kristian. You can also find several recent shots of Kristian... and her mom towards the end of this photo album. https://photos.app.goo.gl/HX9YLfT4ao4ueLmD8.

What is the estimated cost of the project or needs of your nonprofit organization?
The cost of the primary school scholarship is $250 per year. Secondary scholarship cost (which Kristian is in) is $500 per year. The cost of supporting a university student is $1,000 per year.

How much are you requesting?
$500 to support Kristian for a year.

How did you hear about us?
Dorothy Parker originally and later her daughter, Margaret,

Have you requested funds from Soroptimist International of Chico or any Soroptimist club in the past?
Yes.

Were funds approved? If yes, when and how much?
Yes, The last gift was May 15, 2020 for $500

If Soroptimist International of Chico has contributed to your non profit in the past, how were the funds used and publicly recognized?
They were used to support Kristian in the scholarship program. SOL lists all donors in the annual report.

Please note that our review and procedural process is about 3-4 months. Feel free to attach additional information to this application. Email application to Giving@SoroptimistChico.org