



## **Ethel F. Lord Fellowship**

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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, in local communities and throughout the world. Almost 95,000 Soroptimists in about 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 determine the focus of volunteer work to their communities. Club projects range from renovating domestic violence shelters and providing mammograms to low-income women, to sponsoring self-esteem workshops for teenage girls.

ETHEL F. LORD FELLOWSHIPS are granted by the North Atlantic Region to full-time female students enrolled in graduate programs leading to a masters or doctoral degree in gerontology. The Fellowship is a benefit to aid the recipient in the pursuit of an advanced degree through graduate studies. To qualify for consideration, a student must reside within the geographic area of the Region, and must attend an accredited college or university within the Region which has been selected by the Fellowship Committee. The Region encompasses all or parts of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and the panhandle of West Virginia.

Proceeds of an ETHEL F. LORD FELLOWSHIP must be used by the selected applicant for tuition, books, equipment, and other things required by the curriculum to attain the currently pursued advanced degree. Fellowship applicants must demonstrate scholastic excellence and financial need.

An ETHEL F. LORD FELLOWSHIP is granted for \$5,000. The 2017 award will be presented in April 2017. The North Atlantic Region encourages the recipient to attend the conference to receive the fellowship and to briefly speak about her goals.

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## ETHEL F. LORD FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_  Day  Evening

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

AS PART OF THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

1. CURRICULUM OVER-VIEW

2. THREE (3) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

a. Two (2) Faculty

b. One Other

3. YOUR RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (each 50 words or less),

- a. What motivated you to select the field of Gerontology?
- b. Who has influenced you in your choice to study Gerontology? In what way?
- c. Describe your potential role in the field of Gerontology.
- d. What specialty field of Gerontology interests you the most?
- e. Where do you intend to practice after graduation?
- f. Are research and development programs for geriatrics part of your future plans?
- g. What do you hope to achieve in your career as a professional, and as a person?

4. YOUR LETTER EXPLAINING WHY YOU NEED THIS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (may be up to two typed pages – and emailed)

**ENTIRE APPLICATION MUST BE EMAILED BY 12:00 PM EST JANUARY 31, 2017**

LIST ALL GRANTS, AIDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS YOU HAVE RECEIVED: SOURCE & PURPOSE BEGIN DATE END DATE \$ AMOUNT


May attach a continuation.

Applicant Signature Date

Financial Aid Officer Signature Date

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*In the event that 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 [peggyvanmeter@aol.com](mailto:peggyvanmeter@aol.com) by April 1st, 2018.*

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.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## ETHEL F. LORD

Ethel F. Lord was born in Reading, Pennsylvania. During World War II she served in the American Red Cross in both the European and Pacific theaters, and was the first woman to be appointed Field Director of Camp Services in the Pacific.

Fairleigh Dickinson University selected Ethel F. Lord as one of New Jersey's outstanding business women of 1964. She was the Director of Home Services for New Jersey Central and New Jersey Power and Light companies.

As a Soroptimist, she served as President of the Asbury Park Club, Secretary and Governor of the North Atlantic Region, President of Soroptimist International of the Americas, and President of Soroptimist International.

The Philadelphia Soroptimist Club's World War II project of helping to rehabilitate handicapped patients in local government hospitals, combined with Ethel Lord's vast experience, gave birth to the concept of the North Atlantic Region Fellowship.

In 1946, the North Atlantic Region granted its initial Soroptimist Fellowship to the first woman on this continent to receive a Fellowship in plastic surgery. The award was presented to Dr. Alma Dea Morani of Philadelphia.

Upon Ethel Lord's death, contributions in her memory poured in from all over the world. At her niece's request, these monies were contributed to support the North Atlantic Region Fellowship. Because of these donations, the annual award by the North Atlantic Region was renamed the Ethel F. Lord Fellowship.

Since 1946, Fellowships have been given to women graduate students in the field of medicine, government foreign service and, most recently, gerontology.

"Each Fellowship touches and influences that scholar seeking additional training, but does not end there. The cumulative effect of each Fellowship lives on and one, and that is our dividend."

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Peggy Gentile-Van Meter, Chair

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Ethel F. Lord Fellowship in subject line

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

**VERY IMPORTANT:**

**If receipt of application letters, and/or misc. items is not acknowledged with-in 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](http://WWW.SOROPTIMISTNAR.ORG) or visit our Face Book page.