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## **The Soroptimist International of Bidwell Rancho CSU, Chico Psychology Scholarship Supplemental Application**

### ***The Award:***

**One \$1,000 scholarship** offered annually by Soroptimist International of Bidwell Rancho to a **Psychology graduate** student through a competitive selection process to the applicant who:

- Is a full-time graduate student at CSU, Chico majoring in psychology and maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or better for all college-level work, who qualify as in need of financial aid...
- Completes a CSU, Chico scholarship application online...
- Demonstrates through essay format a response to the following statement. Describe how you would achieve significant professional or academic contributions toward advancing the rights and status of women and girls in our world.

### ***The application process:***

**CSU, Chico requires completion of an online scholarship application available at the following link:** <http://fa.csuchico.edu/fa/basics/typesofaid/scholarships>. This Financial Aid web site includes specific information on eligibility and scholarship requirements. **The deadline for applying is January 1, 2008. In order to apply for the Soroptimist scholarship the applicant must also submit an essay and mail to: Soroptimist International of Bidwell Rancho, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 9170, Chico, CA 95927 by January 1, 2008.**

### ***The decision process:***

Applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee of the Soroptimist International of Bidwell Rancho and faculty in the Psychology Department. The recipient of this scholarship will be announced during the spring semester.

### ***The award:***

The scholarship award will be disbursed half in the fall semester and the other half in the spring after full-time enrollment has been verified.

### ***Expectation of the awardee:***

Soroptimist International of Bidwell Rancho provides this award using locally raised funds to a promising graduate student of psychology at CSU, Chico. In addition, the national organization funds a number of increasingly significant scholarships to students sponsored in the application process by the local chapters. It is the hope that this CSU, Chico award recipient might be eligible for one of the national scholarships. The chapter, therefore, expects the awardee to become known to the local membership through an appearance and short presentation during a meeting of the club during the fall after the scholarship has been awarded.

### ***Background:***

Soroptimist International is one of the world's largest classified service organizations of professional and business women in the world. The following is Soroptimist's mission for 2007-2011: "Through international partnerships and a global network of members, Soroptimists inspire action and create opportunities to transform the lives of women and girls by: advocating for equity and equality; creating safe and healthy environments; increasing access to education; developing leadership and practical skills for a sustainable future." Soroptimist International of Bidwell Rancho is an active club in Chico and has funded numerous community projects with proceeds derived from its annual fundraising activities. The club is committed to funding significant scholarships for women engaged in the study of psychology at CSU, Chico as one of their goals of ensuring women and girls' access to education.