



Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF EL CENTRO

Soroptimist International of El Centro Call For 2025 Ruby Award Nominations

February 17, 2025

Around the world, many women are working to improve the lives of women and girls. Some women work to improve conditions for women and girls through their personal or volunteer efforts; others do so through professional avenues. The Soroptimist Ruby Award is designed to honor these women. Although not Soroptimists, their work helps promote the issues that are important to Soroptimists, while offering inspirational stories about how to make a difference in the lives of women. Soroptimist International of El Centro is proud to announce the call for the 2025 nominations of the “Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women”.

The Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Helping Women is named in honor of the first Soroptimist federation President Ruby Lee Minar. Ruby has long been considered one of our most beloved "GEMS" in our organization, thus making it fitting that her legacy be associated with the ruby gemstone, which for thousands of years has long been considered to be the stone of love, and is said to embody the virtues of wisdom, importance, vitality, strength and power; characteristics that embody the award recipients.

This award is our club’s way of saying “Thank You” to the women in the Imperial Valley community, who through their excellence have defined what it is to inspire others and who promote through their greatest efforts the ideals of the sincerity of friendship, the joy of achievement, the dignity of service, the integrity of profession, and the love of country.

Deadline to submit nominations is February 28, 2025. Ruby Award recipients will be honored at the **Soroptimist Gala on Friday, March 28, 2025 at The Loft venue in El Centro.** Nomination information and instructions are enclosed for your convenience. Please feel free to contact us if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ivonne Sotomayor & Jessie Villanueva
2024-2026 Presidents

Martha Cardenas-Singh
2024-2026 Ruby Awards Chair



ELIGIBILITY

Any woman from the Imperial Valley community who has worked to improve the lives of others, including but not limited to women and girls, through her professional or personal life. She also has identified and focused on the needs of others by contributing to the improvement of their lives, and whose contributions have either been for the lifetime of their work or a minimum of the past two years are eligible to be considered.

Previous award winners, Soroptimists, immediate family of Soroptimists and employees of Soroptimist are not eligible for the award. Immediate family is defined to include parents, siblings or children by adoption, blood or marriage.

NOMINATION PROCESS

All community members of the Imperial Valley are encouraged to nominate individuals for this award.

To nominate a potential candidate please fill out the attached form “**Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women Nomination Form**” and submit a statement attached of more than 750 words describing why you (if you are nominating yourself) or your nominee (if you are nominating someone else) should receive the Soroptimist Ruby Award.

Note: It is required for the permission of the nominee be given in writing, please have the nominee sign and date to grant their consent, which will be located at the bottom of “Section II: Nominee Information” of the attached form.

SUBMISSION

Attach completed application, nominator written statement and nominee written permission and send by email to the **Ruby Awards Chair, Martha Cardenas-Singh, info@sielcentro.com, by February 28, 2025**. Incomplete nomination packets without written statement and permission will not be considered.

INSTRUCTIONS

The Soroptimist Ruby Award honors women who, through their professional or personal efforts, are making extraordinary differences in the lives of women or girls. Honorees are women who have worked to improve the lives of other women or girls. Their work has had a significant impact, and also inspires and encourages other women.

Women may nominate themselves or another woman they feel is deserving of this honor. Please complete this form and the essay, and return them to the participating Soroptimist club listed on this form.

SECTION I: NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Nominator _____ Title _____

Organization (If Applicable) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

SECTION I CONTINUED: NOMINATOR STATEMENT

Please include a statement (more than 750 words) describing why you (if you are nominating yourself) or your nominee (if you are nominating someone else) should receive the Soroptimist Ruby Award.

SECTION II: NOMINEE INFORMATION

*Note: it is necessary to get the written permission of the nominee. See below.

Nominee _____ Title _____

Organization (If Applicable) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

SECTION III: NOMINEE PERMISSION

I consent to my nomination for the Soroptimist Ruby Award and to the accuracy of the information contained in this nomination form. I understand that my application and supporting information become the property of Soroptimist International of El Centro and Founder Region, Soroptimist International of the Americas, upon submission, which shall have sole discretion in using these materials for the purpose of publicizing the Ruby Award program.

Nominee Signature _____ Date _____

*Please note that as this is a writable form, typed signatures will be accepted. By typing your name in the signature line you agree to the terms of release as stated above.

SOROPTIMIST MEDIA CONSENT FORM - RUBY AWARD RECIPIENT

I hereby grant permission to Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA)/Soroptimist International of El Centro and/or its clubs to use my name, likeness and/or voice for all publicity purposes and in any media format. Media formats include but are not limited to: newspapers, magazines, television, radio, film, photographs, social media and the internet.

SIA/Soroptimist International of El Centro shall retain all rights to said materials.

Name (print) _____

If above person is under 18 years of age - Parent/Guardian Name (print)

Signature

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Date _____

Witness Name (print) _____

Signature _____

Date _____