

Karen M. Gehers Soroptimist Memorial Award

This Award is awarded in memory of Karen M. Gehers, to a female Selinsgrove High School senior who is pursuing a degree in accounting, business, or entrepreneurship.

Karen was very dedicated to Soroptimist International, which is a global volunteer service organization for women with almost 66,000 members in more than 120 countries worldwide.

The Vision of Soroptimist is: that Women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams.

The Mission - Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment, especially those facing significant obstacles.

Our Core Values:

- Gender Equality
- Empowerment
- Education
- Diversity and Fellowship

To learn more about Soroptimist go to soroptimist.org.

Please find attached the application form to apply for this award. Applications are due to:

Debbie Reichenbach
2062 W. Sassafras Street
Selinsgrove, PA 17870

Application must be received no later than _____ April 17, 2026 _____.

Karen M. Gehers Soroptimist Memorial Award Application:

Please read and follow the instructions carefully prior to submitting your application. All winners will be notified (enter how we will do this) according to Selinsgrove High School policy.

If selected, you may be asked for documentation to support the data you have provided. Likewise, all correspondence and award agreements will be generated from the personal information submitted below. So, please use proper spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.

Personal Data

Tell us about yourself.

Full Name:

First

Middle Initial

Last

Birthdate:

Month/Day/Year

Mobile No.:

Email:

Home Address:

Street

City

Zip Code

Gender

Are you a US Citizen? Yes No

Please state your education status and education plans at the time of application:

Are you a first-generation college student?

What is your career objective?

Have you submitted any applications for admission? Yes No

Have you been accepted and if so, where: Yes No

High School Information

Are you or will you be a May/June 2026 high school graduate? Yes No

High School Attended

Most recent cumulative GPA

High School activities, community activities, volunteer work, honors, offices held (continue a separate sheet of paper if needed)

Extras

Many scholarships and awards are designed to offer aid to students that represent unique characteristics. Please check each of the qualifiers below that may apply to you. Please note, if you are awarded this award based on any of these qualifiers, you may be asked to produce documentation verifying your unique eligibility.

Have you, or will you, be receiving any other scholarships/awards? Yes No

Name of School you plan to attend to obtain your degree:

Do you plan to transfer to another college or university to complete your degree? Yes No

Do you have a disability, or do you face any obstacles as you pursue a degree? Yes No

Are you interested and willing to major in Accounting, Business or Entrepreneurship? Yes No
(if an Entrepreneurship, what in specific are you interested in?)

Do you intend to work while attending college? Yes No

Essay

Your essay should be 300-500 words. You should address in your essay: your college or career goals and choice of major, what you intend to do with your education, and why a scholarship is important to you. Include any academic and non-academic accomplishments, personal characteristics, or experiences that make you uniquely worthy of this scholarship consideration. Also please indicate how you meet either the mission, vision, and/or core values of Soroptimist.

Essay

Applicant's Signature

By signing in the space below, you are certifying that all information is current and that you are the person completing this application. Also, you are giving consent to release your name and photo for media purposes. Please make a copy of this application for your records.

Signature of Applicant

Date

