# Nottingham Soroptimist Trust

Helping Women and Girls in Nottinghamshire fulfil their potential.

## What is Nottingham Soroptimist Trust?

The Trust is a registered charity which grants money to women and girls who living or working in Nottinghamshire who are experiencing financial hardship or to advance their education, or to groups who work to achieve these aims.

## Who can apply?

Women and girls who live or work mainly in Nottinghamshire can apply if they are experiencing financial hardship, or if they need help with their education. All applications require a professional referee, such as a representative from a college or agency, to confirm that the application is genuine and worthy of consideration. A letter from the referee must be enclosed with the completed form. Any grant awarded will normally be paid through the Organisation supporting the applicant.

## What kind of help can be given?

Individual applications are considered depending on a woman's or girl's specific needs and eligibility.

- In cases of hardship an application could, for example, be considered for the purchase of essential household goods, carpets, furniture, decorating or other items.
- For educational needs a grant may be requested for help with all or part of the cost of attending a course of study, i.e. fees, travel, child care etc. where finance is unavailable elsewhere.
- Group applications may also be made by a charity or organisation.

## How do I apply?

Please email soroptimisttrustnottingham@gmail.com for an application form, indicating whether your application is for an individual or a group. The appropriate form and guidelines will then be sent by email.

## How often does the Trust deal with applications?

The Trust has four grant meetings a year in January, April, July, and October. The deadline for receipt of applications is the last day of the previous month, and you will be notified of the decision by the end of the month of the meeting.

## Is there an application limit?

There is no set limit on the amount for which you can apply, however the Trustees have a limited amount of money to allocate and work hard to distribute this fairly. This means that applications for large sums, or where other sources of funding may be available, might not be approved, or the Trust may agree to pay only a proportion of the overall costs. We are not able to consider on-going costs or prior debts.

## Is the Trust interested in hearing about how the grant has helped me?

Yes, absolutely – the Trustees love to hear about how our grants have improved the lives of the women and girls who apply. Please send us some feedback about how your grant has helped you.

*Please note that our application deadlines and application forms have recently changed. If you have a form which you received prior to January 2025 please email the Trust : soroptimisttrustnottingham@gmail.com and request an up to date form before applying.*