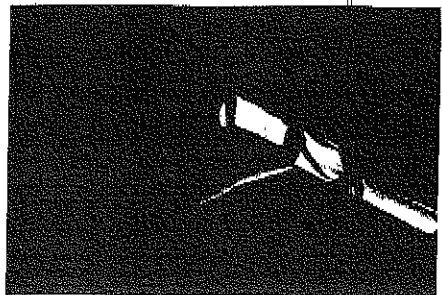


The Midwestern Region's Virginia M. Wagner Educational Grant honors the effort and scholarship of a woman who is attending a college or university to earn a bachelors, masters, or doctoral degree.

First established in 1972, the award was renamed in 2004 to honor Dr. Virginia M. Wagner (Midwestern Region Governor 1982-1984) to commemorate her interest in higher education for women.



The award process begins at the club level where grant amounts vary at the discretion of the club. Four district finalists will receive a \$500 award and in turn be judged at the region level. One region winner will be chosen and will receive a \$2500 award.



Award Criteria

Applicants must be a resident of one of the Soroptimist Midwestern Region states (see back cover).

Applicants are judged according to several criteria, with an emphasis on effort toward education, as follows:

Effort toward education – candidate's and her family's efforts to ensure she obtains an education; use of savings; work while attending school; sacrifices made.

Scholarship – based on cumulative grade point average.

Extra-Curricular Activities – community and school activities; level of interest and personal effort required; leadership demonstration.

Financial Need

General Impression – thought given to vocational goals; aspirations and attitudes towards education, community and self; overall impression.