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Dear candidate,

We hope you read this letter and think, yes, this is for me!

We are preparing a Soroptimist Leadership Academy, which will take place in Mijas (Malaga) from 5-11 of November 2025.

There is a chance you have not heard about Soroptimist International (SI) yet, it is a female non-Governmental organization with a voice at the United Nation's ECOSOC, the economic and social council, we work towards the sustainable development goals of the UN and develop projects to improve the position of women worldwide. We focus on elimination of violence against women, education, empowerment of women and girls, sustainability, and female leadership.

We have room for 24 participants, who will come from all over Europe. We will stay at the Cortijo Alegría, located just outside of Mijas in the middle of nature. The Cortijo has a meeting room, a large indoor and outdoor kitchen, a small chapel and 10 apartments, with a small kitchenette and sitting room. The participants will be offered a diverse programme directed at developing leadership skills, networking, speaking in public, dealing with conflict, active listening and working in groups. We will inform about Soroptimist International, the way we work and the advantages of an international network of professional women. We also feel it is important for female leaders to get to know themselves, their strengths and weaknesses, motivation and believes. Our goal is to "Unlock your Potential".

Criteria: Following the criteria set by SI of Europe, Participants should be non-Soroptimists, nor be related to a Soroptimist, they need to be fluent in English. In addition to participating at the Academy, they should commit to participating in our pre-meeting online and the mentoring program that will follow the Academy for a period of 9 months.

Costs: (might be covered partially by the Soroptimist organization who has put you forward as candidate)

- Travel expenses to and from the SLA.
- Travel insurance (including medical cover) for participants from outside of Spain.
- Contribution of 100 Euros to be paid upon selection.

The organisers of the SLA will be responsible for lodging and the on-site expenses.

Procedure:
Candidates must fill out the application form Here

The deadline for signing up is May 1, 2025, but we recommend candidates to contact us ASAP as we will start up the admission process as soon as we have received your application. Candidates will be contacted within 3 weeks after we receive their application to set up a date for an interview via video conference. After the interview the candidate and the recommending Soroptimist Union or Club will be informed if the candidate has been accepted.

For more information you can go to our Website

We will be updating the website to inform you about our program and our international group of teachers. For any additional questions, please contact us at soroptimist.leadership@gmail.com.

In Soroptimist friendship,

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