



On behalf of President Kris, Treasurer Danelle, and Directors: Billie, Dana, Laurie, Laura and Angie, I am so delighted to tell you about all the new and exciting ways you can support Founder Region Fellowship this biennium. February is designated as “Fun for Fellowship” Month to raise awareness and educate our members about our program.

Fellowship’s theme for the 2022-2024 biennium is *“Bee” the Dream Through Education*, which was chosen to support Governor Vicki theme of *“Bee the Dream”*.



The new Fellowship Board is:

Kris Chorbí, Past Governor, President

Danelle Tegarden, Past President of SI/Eureka, Treasurer

Billie Knight, Past President of SI/The East Bay, Fellowship Director, District I

Dana Holve, Past President of S/SI/Vacaville Twilight, Fellowship Director, District II

Laurie Gallian, Past President of SI/Sonoma Valley, Fellowship Director, District III

Laura Middlemiss, Past President of SI/Humboldt Bay, Fellowship Director, District IV

Angie Bugarin, Past President of SI/Central Oahu, Fellowship Director, District V

Their contact information can be found on their website:

FounderRegionFellowship.org and in the Founder Region Roster.



Established in 1948, the Fellowship Program is Founder Region's Identifying Project and will be celebrating their 75th year in 2023.

Their Mission is to advance the Soroptimist mission by awarding grants to outstanding women in the final phase of their doctoral program within Founder Region. Fellowship recognizes the value of empowering highly motivated women engaged in academic research in fields such as: science, technology, education, the climate, women's health and all things affecting women and girls' quality of life. These women are doing ground breaking research and breaking down glass ceilings in their male dominated fields. Members in Founder Region have been empowering these women since 1948 and we hope will continue to support our mission for many years to come.

Founder Region Boundaries

- 10 Northern California Counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Solano, Sonoma
- The State of Hawaii
- The U.S. Territories of Guam & the Northern Mariana Islands
- The Republic of Palau

Most service organizations have *Identifying Projects* that help the organization realize its mission. From Soroptimist International down to the club level, one will find many innovative, heartwarming, and challenging projects to fulfill the Soroptimist mission.

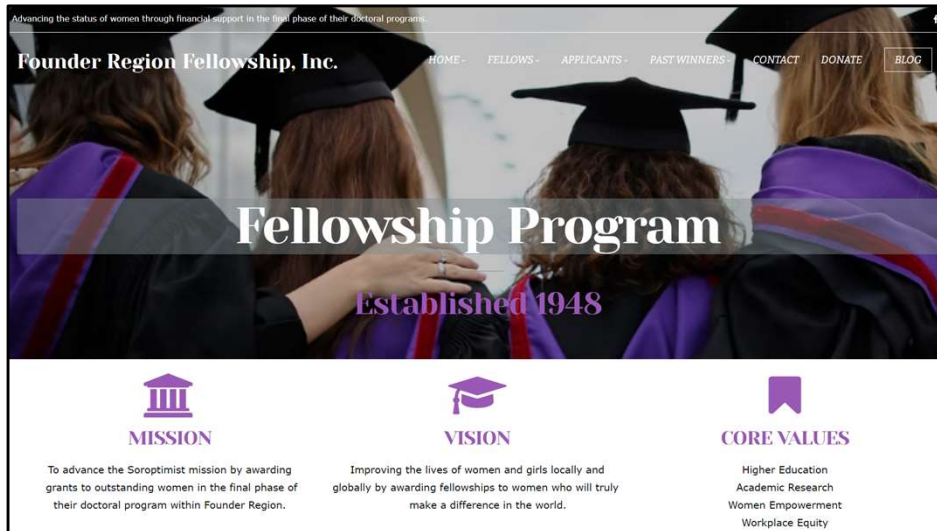
Founder Region is one of 28 regions of Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) with territory encompassing: 10 Northern California Counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Solano, Sonoma

The State of Hawaii

The U.S. Territories of Guam & the Northern Mariana Islands

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Fellowship is unique to Founder Region and no other region has a program quite like this one.



Fellowship has recently defined their Vision & Core Values.

Their **Vision**: Improving the lives of women and girls locally and globally by awarding Fellowships to women who will truly make a difference in the world.

Their **Core Values** they support: Higher Education, Academic Research, Women Empowerment and Workplace Equality.

WHAT IS A FELLOW?

A fellow is an equal or a comrade. It is most often used in an academic context: a fellow is often part of an elite group of learned people who work together as peers in the pursuit of knowledge or practice.



FELLOWSHIP PIN LEVELS

Levels	Stone	Color	Crystal
1	No stone		
2	Turquoise		
3	Amethyst		
4	Yellow Topaz		
5	Cobald Blue		
6	Emerald		
7	Rose		
8	Peridot		
9	Ruby		
10	Crystal (clear)		
11	Sapphire		
12	Tanzanite		
13	Fire Opal		
14	Black Diamond		
15	Aurum (gold)		

What is a Fellow?

A Soroptimist “Fellow” is a person or club that is indeed a member of an elite group. Every fellow named represents \$1,000 in donations to the Soroptimist Founder Region Fellowship Program, which provides scholarships to some amazing women. Over 750 Soroptimist women have become Fellows since 1948. Five hundred women are active members, and many have multiple fellowships and/or have donated fellowships to other Soroptimist women.

There are currently 15 Fellow levels and each level has its own pin. The pins for Levels 2 through 15 each have their own crystal imbedded in the pin. The levels and crystal colors are below. A person (member or not) can become a Fellow by a payment of \$1,000 for a level (in one payment or in monthly payments over time) or winning one of numerous raffles held throughout a biennium as part of Fellowship fundraising

FELLOWSHIP PIN

1. Fellowship Logo
2. Lighted Torch
3. Rays of Light
4. Book in Hand



1987 Jan Sadler, SI/El Cerrito

The Fellowship logo was designed by Jan Sadler of S.I. El Cerrito in 1987, which is located on the Fellowship pins.

The circle is an ancient and universal symbol of unity, wholeness, infinity, the goddess, and female power.

The lighted torch is almost always associated with giving light or guidance, as in passing the torch to the next generation. The torch and/or lamp of knowledge generally symbolizes learning or knowledge and in science it is the 'guiding light of scientific inquiry in an atmosphere of intellectual freedom truth and intelligence'. The Olympic torch is a symbol of the harmony and goodwill toward humanity. Sometimes the torch is replaced by a sun on the Fellowship pin.

Rays of light symbolize enlightenment and the sharing of knowledge and wisdom in the world.


Book in hand: Fellowship targets women who are working in fields of great social importance. The design shows a woman's hand holding a book, symbolizing learning and education. The idea may have its roots in the statue of St. Catherine of Alexandria (who stands holding a book). She has been dubbed the patron saint of libraries and anyone associated with wisdom or teaching.

The first level pin has no stone.





Grant Requirements

- Competition is open to any outstanding graduate woman who is working toward a doctoral degree, preferably in the last year of study but permissibly during the last two years provided she has advanced to candidacy.
- International students are encouraged to apply.
- Applicant must be enrolled in a graduate school within Founder Region; including the Northern California counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Solano, Sonoma; the State of Hawaii; the U. S. Territories of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands; the Republic of Palau.

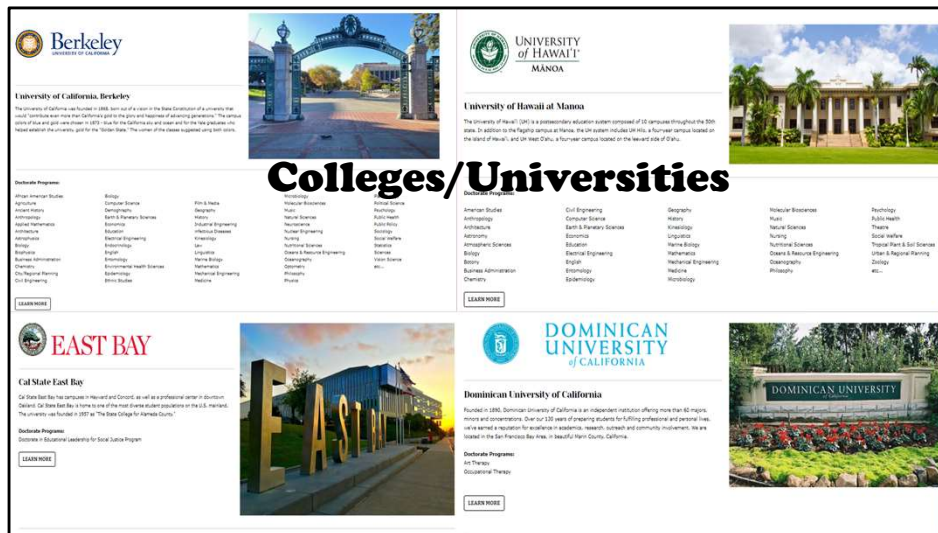


Applicants

2023 Founder Region Fellowship	Community Force Scholars United
 <p>Founder Region Fellowship, Inc. awards grants to outstanding women in the final phase of their doctoral degree program from an accredited institution of higher learning in Founder Region, Soroptimist International of the Americas.</p> <p>Eligible candidates must be enrolled in a doctoral program and currently attend an institution in one of the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern California - Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Solano, Sonoma • The State of Hawaii • The U.S. Territories of Guam & the Northern Mariana Islands • The Republic of Palau 	<p>Begin Accepting Applications Date: 11/20/2022</p> <p>Deadline Date (EST Time Zone): 1/11/2023 12:00 AM</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>

The Fellowship Grant process is through a free online scholarship portal by Community Force Scholars United. Applicants complete their applications online, upload required documents, and email recommenders to streamline the process.

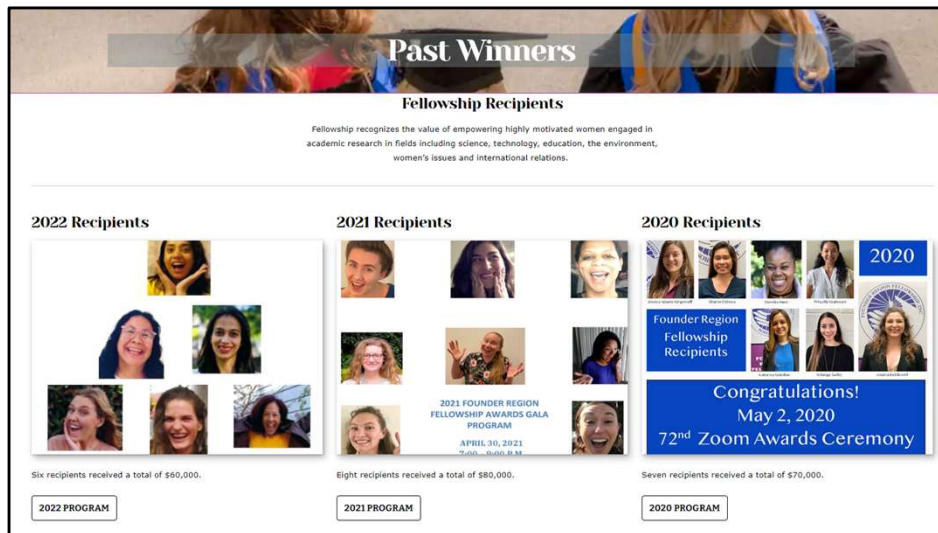
The application window is open from November 20 – January 10 of each year. Applicants are scored and several are selected to be interviewed by the board, which take place in Hawaii and California in March. The winners are then chosen for presentation at conference in May.



Although many of our recipients come from UC Berkeley and University of Hawaii at Manoa, there are actually 14 colleges and universities which offer over 150 doctoral programs in Founder Region.

Recognized Schools in Founder Region who offer doctoral programs Include:

- California State University, East Bay
- Dominican University of California
- Graduate Theological Union
- Life Chiropractic College West
- Mills College
- Saint Mary's College
- Samuel Merritt University
- San Francisco Theological Seminary
- The Sanville Institute – Berkeley
- Saybrook - Oakland
- Touro University
- UC Berkeley
- UC Hawaii, Manoa
- The Wright Institute
- UMass Global



Check out the “**Past Winners**” page on their website to read about Fellowship recipients and their ground breaking research.

Doctoral Candidates who have been awarded a Fellowship Grant have been in fields such as:

Applied Linguistics

Astronomy

Astrophysics

Biological Oceanography

Botany

Cancer Research

Civil Engineering

Education

Epidemiology

Medicine

Political Science

Tropical Medicine



We know that Fellowship is Founder Region’s identifying project and has been since 1948. Clubs and members continue to support this program wholeheartedly and find value in our mission. We work collaboratively with region leadership to build a strong relationship to ensure our sustainability. Founder Region Fellowship is almost completely supported financially by our members so I want to share with you all the ways your can ensure Fellowship is around for the next 75 years.

CLUB SUPPORT

- Club Budget
 - \$1,000/year - name a Fellow
 - \$500/year - name a Fellow every 2 years
- In Memory of Donation
- In Honor of Donation
 - milestone anniversaries
 - special recognition
- Fun Run - organize team

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Celebrating 75 Years!

Here are the ways a club can support our mission.

- Make Fellowship contributions a line item in your Club Budget so you can name a Fellow annually or bi-annually.
 - \$1,000/year and name a Fellow every year
 - \$500/year and name a Fellow every 2 years
- Update your bylaws to make Fellowship your “charity of choice” for memorial contributions for members and their immediate families.
- Honor your members with donations to Fellowship for club milestone anniversaries and special recognitions.
- Recruit members for your club team to support the Fellowship Fun Run in April. This is an annual event and is a big money maker for Fellowship.

The more you talk about and support Fellowship, the more your members will find value in our mission.

MEMBER SUPPORT

- \$1,000 Donation - Become a Fellow
- Sign up for Monthly Giving
 - minimum \$25 pledge
 - \$25 discount- only \$975
- Donate “In Memory/Honor of”
- Support Fellowship Raffle
- Support Fellowship Sales
- Join Club Team - Fun Run
- Facebook Birthday Fundraiser

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Our members can support Fellowship in these following ways:

- Make a \$1,000 Donation to become a Fellow or level up, but if that is not in your budget..
- Sign up for Monthly Giving. With a minimum \$25 pledge, you get a \$25 discount so only pay \$975 to become a Fellow, or level up. **We also have a special gift for you if you sign up today!**
- Donate “In Memory/Honor of” – make Fellowship your “Charity of Choice” in memory or in honor of your loved ones.
- Support the Fellowship Raffle at this District Meeting by buying chances to win a prize.
- Support Fellowship Sales – visit our table to buy bee earrings, bee zippered bags, and SI Pin brooches.
- Join Your Club Team to participate in the Fellowship Fun Run in April. Solicit pledges from family, friends, or work colleagues
- Hold a Birthday Fundraiser on Facebook to solicit donations from family and friends.

Club Participation

- Invite Fellowship Director
- Fellowship Presentation
- Plan Club Fundraiser
- “Fun for Fellowship” Calendar Game



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- Plan now to invite your Fellowship Director to attend your club meeting to talk about Fellowship. First come, first served in reserving a date. Directors will be visiting all clubs throughout the biennium and we look forward to sharing our passion for Fellowship with all your club members.
- Plan a Club Fundraiser on your own and donate the proceeds to Fellowship. How about Bunko or Bingo? Plan a social and have some fun while supporting Fellowship.
- We have provided you a “Fun for Fellowship” Calendar game that members can refer to every day during February and donate the recommended amount.
- But wait, there more...

“Fun for Fellowship” Region Event

- Attend Virtual Event
- Fellowship Bingo
- Win Instant Prizes
- Enter to Win \$1,000 Fellow (or level up)



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The Fellowship Board will be holding a region-wide Zoom event for “Fun for Fellowship” in February.

- Complete a Website Scavenger Hunt before the event and be entered into a drawing to win a Fellow or level up.
- Attend the Virtual Event and hear more about our Conference plans.
- Play Fellowship Bingo to win instant prizes and learn about all things Fellowship.
- We may even have a past Fellowship recipient to update you on the advances in her career.

So, we hope you will join us in the fun and support Fellowship in February.



The Fellowship board is hard at work to ensure we continue to be valuable, forward thinking, and successful in supporting our Soroptimist mission.

We want to thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a fun and successful biennium as we celebrate our 75 years of empowering women who will truly make a difference in the world.