



2023 Circle of Sisterhood Foundation Grant Application

Our Mission: Circle of Sisterhood will leverage the collective influence of sorority women to raise financial resources for entities around the world that are removing educational barriers for girls and women facing poverty and oppression.

Education is the solution to many global issues facing girls and women, yet millions worldwide will never go to school unless they get assistance. As a large community of educated women, we hope to help girls and women access education around the world, uplifting them from poverty and oppression.

We are looking for organizations that share our vision and are implementing programs or services congruent with our mission of removing barriers to education for girls and women.

Application deadline: March 1, 2023

Grant requests of up to \$10,000 USD will be considered.

We grant only to U.S.-based 501c3 organizations operating domestically and/or internationally.

NOTE: If applying via fiscal sponsor, please contact us before submitting your application to discuss requirements.

Our Areas of Interest

The Circle of Sisterhood Foundation (CofS) will fund programs or projects that remove barriers to education for girls and women, thereby improving their lives and those of their families. We value requests that advance long-range plans to improve the well-being of communities in sustainable ways. **CofS will give preference to women-led organizations and to entities that involve the individuals and/or community impacted in leadership and decision-making.**

Through relationships with our Grantees, we seek to:

- **Ensure opportunities for girls and women to achieve education**, by focusing on readiness for, access to, and performing well/persisting in school (e.g., providing tuition/school fees and necessary materials to succeed in school, enrichment/study groups, innovative approaches to education, awareness of the importance of education, parent involvement, menstrual health and hygiene, improving infrastructure, funding teacher salaries, etc.); **and**
- **Improve the livelihood of girls and women** (e.g., training to learn income-generating skills, business and vocational training, capacity-building, etc.).

**Please note that Circle of Sisterhood does not currently fund research.*

Granting Criteria

Circle of Sisterhood grantees must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Operates exclusively for exempt purposes set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Code.
2. Has financial systems and oversight in place and reasonable overhead costs.
3. Is committed to providing the Circle of Sisterhood Foundation an interim report within six months of grant award and a final report at the conclusion of the grant year.
4. Is able to present specific, feasible plans of action to accomplish well-defined objectives and measurable results.
5. Demonstrates the positive impact of programs and/or services on girls and women.
6. Integrates program into the local infrastructure and respects local culture and traditions.
7. Demonstrates sustainability (i.e., provisions for ongoing funding).
8. Plans to spend funds within one year of grant being awarded.

In addition to the general criteria outlined above, applications will be reviewed for:

- The involvement of women in leadership and decision-making at the organizational and program/project levels.
- Alignment of organization's mission with Circle of Sisterhood's mission of removing barriers to education for girls and women;
- Applicant's ability to define educational barriers and how they will be removed;
- How program/project to be funded will uplift girls and/or women from poverty and oppression;
- How the proposal centers local leadership and programs/projects that are co-designed with the individuals and/or community impacted;
- How program/project to be funded contributes to systemic change in the community/context in which it will be implemented;
- Documentation of identified community need; and
- Ability to demonstrate measurable outcomes.

You will be notified regarding the status of your application by early June. Grant disbursements will take place before June 30, 2023. If this timing changes we will contact you with an update.

Should a grant be awarded, recipient must agree to terms and conditions and will be required to sign a grant agreement outlining these terms. *Grant recipients must wait one year before reapplying for support. Therefore, 2023 grant recipients will be eligible to apply once again in 2025.*

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DEADLINE: March 01 2023 at 11:59 PM EST (Midnight)

Organization Information

Contact Information

Organization Name: *

Country/location of the project/program to be funded: *

Organization Director (*staff*) - name & title: *

Project Contact - name & title (if different from above):

Contact Phone: *

Contact Email: *

Mailing Address: *

City: *

State: *

ZIP CODE: *

Organization website: *

Social: (*Please share your organization's social media handles (e.g. Twitter, Instagram)*)*

Federal Tax ID #: *

Amount requested: *

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(Max range: 10000.00)

Organization Information

Organization Mission/Description

Mission Statement & Alignment with Circle of Sisterhood:

*In addition to sharing your mission statement, please include how it aligns with Circle of Sisterhood's mission of removing barriers to education for girls and women. Save specific program details for later sections of the application. Solely address your organization's guiding mission here.**

Organization Description: *Provide a BRIEF summary of your organization's primary programs and services.**

Project Narrative

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On the next two pages you will be asked to: describe the project/program you seek to fund; outline specific barriers it addresses; share intended outcomes and plans for monitoring and evaluation said outcomes; describe the project's contributions to systemic change and discuss project sustainability beyond the grant period.

Please do not include hyperlinks to supplemental information.

Project/Program Description: Provide a BRIEF description (3-4 sentences maximum) of the proposed program/project for which you seek funding, explaining how it is congruent with Circle of Sisterhood's mission. Be sure to include your best estimate of the number of individuals who will be impacted by a Circle of Sisterhood grant.

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Barriers: Explain the barriers to education and how your project/program will remove these and uplift girls/women from poverty and oppression.*

Project/Program Implementation Plans: Outline the specific plans in place for your project/program's implementation. *

Intended Outcomes: What are the intended outcomes of your project?*

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Monitoring and Evaluation: *How will you monitor and evaluate the intended outcomes?*

Contributions to systemic change: *How is your project contributing to systemic change in the community/context in which it will be implemented?**

Project Sustainability: *How will your project continue after the grant period ends?**

Impact Statement: *Provide a succinct, one-sentence statement summarizing the grant's impact. Include your best estimate of the number of individuals impacted.*

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Project Budget

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Budget Information: **Provide a detailed budget for the project/program you are submitting for consideration. Include a specific breakdown of how Circle of Sisterhood grant funds will be allocated within the project budget. Include any other funding sources you plan to use to support the proposed program/project. You may include a budget narrative or additional relevant details. Attach documents if desired below. ***

Attach project budget documents:

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.xlsx

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Additional Information/Documents

Required Documents

The following documents are required for your application to be considered complete and moved forward in our selection process:

Current fiscal year budget (**MUST include income and expenses in USD.**)

Prior fiscal year Actuals/P&L statement (*income and expenses*)

Audited financial statements* for most recent fiscal year.

If not available, submit an explanation for lack of audited statements, **AND:**

current Balance Sheet/Statement of Financial Position **AND**

most recent FY audit report/review or Form 990.

IRS Determination Letter/proof of 501c3 status**

***Reviewed financial statements will be accepted but must be accompanied by the additional documents listed above.**

****For applications submitted by fiscal sponsors, submit the financial information outlined above for BOTH the fiscal sponsor AND sponsored organization using the additional document upload options below.**

Current fiscal year budget: MUST include income and expense information in USD *

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.xlsx

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Prior fiscal year Actuals/P&L statement (*income AND expenses*)*

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Audited financial statement *

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If not available, you MUST submit: current Balance Sheet/Statement of Financial Position AND most recent FY audit report or Form 990.

You may attach additional files at the bottom of this page if necessary.

IRS Determination Letter/Proof of 501c3 status *

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Certification

I hereby certify that the information provided in the application and supporting documents is true and complete to the best of the my knowledge. *

I agree

First Name: *

Last Name: *

Title: *

Email: *