Soroptimist International of Eugene
Women in S.T.E.M Awards

As we prepare to celebrate the 2023 International Women’s Day…
Soroptimist International of Eugene invite youth to share their creative writings to promote an awareness of

Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (S.T.E.M)

**Eligibility:**
Open to ages 13 to 18 years. Must be a resident of Lane County, Oregon.
Written entries can be up to 1,000 words. No smaller than size 12 standard font. Keep a copy for yourself.

**Postmark deadline: January 17, 2023**
Winners will be announced in time for the Women’s History Month (March).
Winners will be notified by the end of February and winning submissions will be published in the March issue of Skipping Stones: A Multicultural, Literary Magazine and will receive a one-year subscription to Skipping Stones along with multicultural books.
Winners will be invited to the Soroptimist International of Eugene’s *Live Your Dream Awards Dinner* in March.
All submissions must have a cover letter telling us your name, age, and contact information including e-mail address. The Soroptimist Media Consent Form and the Skipping Stones Permission to Publish Form must be signed and attached.

**Send submissions to:**
Soroptimist International of Eugene
PO Box 10664, Eugene, OR 97440

**Prizes:**
1st Place $300.00  
2nd Place $200.00  
3rd Place $100.00

**Ideas to get you started:**
Identify a woman who has been an innovator in a S.T.E.M field. Talk about her accomplishments, achievements and the impact she has or had in her field of interest. How did she shape history? Were there any gender equality obstacles? Why don’t we hear more about these innovators? What do you admire about her?

**Possible Inspirations:**
Hedy Lamarr, Ada Lovelace, Marie Sklodowska Curie, Grace Murry Hopper, Marie Maynard Daly, Rosalind Franklin, Elizabeth Friedman, Flossie Wong-Staal, Jewel Plummer Cobb, Mae C. Jemison, Stephanie Kwolek, Francoise Barre-Sinoussi, Katherine Johnson, Uma Chowdhry, Jane C Wright, Kalpana Chawla, Maureen E Raymo, Mary Jackson, or Dorothy Vaughan are just a few that might possibly inspire you.

**About Soroptimist International of Eugene:**
Soroptimist International of Eugene has been supporting women and girls in Lane County since 1949 to achieve their full potential. *Our Vision:* Women and girls will have access to resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams. *Our Mission:* Providing women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve social and economic empowerment. Interested in membership? Contact Soroptimist International of Eugene at sieugene@soroptimist.net Or, visit our website at www.soroptimisteugene.org Or, find us on Facebook.

**About Skipping Stones Magazine:**
Since 1988, Skipping Stones has been publishing in Lane County for a national (international) audience to promote multicultural and nature awareness in today’s youth. Visit: www.skippingstones.org
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Date _________________________________________________________________
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Permission to Publish Your Writing

From: ____________________________ (Student’s Name)

Address: ____________________________ (street number and name)

Address: ____________________________ (city, state and zipcode)

Email / Tel No.: ____________________________

We the undersigned give Skipping Stones Magazine a permission to publish the entry in March 2023 issue, if selected as one of the winners of the contest by Soroptimist International of Eugene and Skipping Stones Magazine.

Signatures:

__________________________________________ (student) _________(date)

__________________________________________ (parent) _________(date)

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