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A Unique Opportunity for Emerging Women Leaders

Dear Candidate,

We hope that as you read this letter, you will feel that this opportunity is meant for you!

We are delighted to invite you to apply for the **Soroptimist Balkan Leadership Academy (SBLA)**, taking place from **1–7 September 2025** at **Lipite Spot, Tipchenitza, Bulgaria**.

Perhaps you are not yet familiar with Soroptimist International — we are a global organization of professional women working to improve the lives of women and girls through education, empowerment, and enabling opportunities.

Soroptimist International holds consultative status at the **United Nations ECOSOC** and actively supports the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. Our focus areas include eliminating violence against women, promoting female leadership, advancing education, sustainability, and encouraging social engagement.

SBLA 2025 will bring together **26 young women** from across the Balkans and Europe.

Participants will experience a dynamic and diverse program designed to develop leadership skills, effective communication, conflict resolution, teamwork, self-awareness, and public speaking.

You will have the opportunity to learn from experienced professionals, build lifelong friendships, and become part of a vibrant international network of women leaders.

The goal of SBLA 2025 is simple yet powerful: **“Building Bridges – Shaping the Future.”**

Throughout the Academy, you will not only strengthen your leadership competencies but also explore your own strengths, motivations, and values — preparing you to take active roles in your communities and professional careers.



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Participation Criteria:

- Non-Soroptimist and not directly related to a Soroptimist
- Fluent in English (the working language of the Academy)
- Commitment to fully participate in:
 - The entire Academy program
 - A preparatory online meeting
 - A nine-month mentoring program following the Academy

Costs:

(Your Soroptimist recommending Union or Club may choose to support you partially or fully.)

- Travel expenses to and from SBLA
- Travel insurance (including medical coverage)
- A contribution of **100 Euros**, payable upon acceptance

The organizers will cover accommodation, meals, and on-site activities during the Academy.

Application Process:

- Complete the [official application form](#)
- **Deadline for submission: 30 June 2025**
(Early applications are strongly encouraged, as selection begins immediately upon receipt.)



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- Candidates will be contacted within three weeks of applying to schedule an interview via video conference.
- Following the interview, both the candidate and the recommending Soroptimist Union or Club will be informed of the final decision.

More Information:

- Visit our [project website](#) for updates on the program, lecturers, and activities.
- For any questions, contact us at: office@soroptimistbulgaria.org

We look forward to receiving your application and welcoming you to this transformative leadership journey!

In Soroptimist Friendship,

Petya Angelova

President, Soroptimist Union Bulgaria
Committee Chair of SBLA 2025