The Violet Richardson Award

HONORING YOUNG WOMEN

For Volunteer Action

Soroptimist International
of Olympia

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Investing in Dreams

It's What **You** Do That Counts!

Are you a high school senior who volunteers in your community and sees challenges as opportunities? Hope instead of despair? If you are a young woman who believes in the power of volunteer action, you may be eligible to compete for the Soroptimist International of Olympia Violet Richardson Award and win up to $1,000.

The Violet Richardson Award honors young women who make their communities and the world better through their volunteer efforts. Examples include, but are not limited to: addressing hard issues, such as drug abuse, underage drinking, crime and violence, environmental cleanup, and ending discrimination and poverty. Volunteer actions that benefit women or girls are of particular interest.

Soroptimist International of Olympia is an organization of women whose members volunteer in their communities, often working on the same problems that you do. Although we realize that volunteering is its own reward, we also know it feels good to be recognized for our actions. This is why we sponsor this award. We are grateful to our donors who make this award possible!

VOLUNTEER

Soroptimist International of Olympia Violet Richardson Award

If you believe you would be a strong candidate for the Violet Richardson Award, please complete this application and share your volunteer activities and experiences. Please return it to us at the email (preferred) or mailing address listed on the application.

Soroptimist International of Olympia Violet Richardson Award Application

Instructions:

Deadline: Emailed (preferred) or postmarked by January 31
Completed applications and any supporting materials must be emailed (preferred) or postmarked by the date listed above to the address listed in Step 3. Soroptimist International of Olympia members and their immediate families are ineligible, as are previous Violet Richardson Award winners. Have you received any other Soroptimist awards? Circle Yes or No. Applications submitted to any other Soroptimist Club or Headquarters will not be considered.

Step 1: Determine if you are eligible
Eligible applicants are young women who:

- are currently a high school senior
- have demonstrated initiative in both identifying a problem and trying to solve it
- have had significant and noteworthy accomplishments as volunteers

Step 2: Complete the application

Instructions for Using Writable PDF Documents:
Some program materials are writable PDF files, allowing you to type directly in the document. If a document is a writable PDF, it is indicated in it's file name. To type on a writable PDF:

- First, save the writable PDF file onto your computer. (If you begin filling out the writable PDF file without having saved it to your computer, your information will not save.)
- Open the writable PDF file you just saved .
- Using your mouse, click on the blank space designated for form answers.
- A cursor will appear.
- Type in the correct information.
- Once all parts of the form are personalized, select Save As from the File menu to save.

Step 3: Email (preferred) or mail your application
Send your application with any supporting materials by email or mail to:

Soroptimist Club Name: Soroptimist International of Olympia

Club Contact Person: Vicki Campbell, Chair

Email Address: VCampbell.VRA@gmail.com

Address: P.O. Box 6472

City/State/Zip: Olympia, WA 98507

Phone: (415) 987-5507

Website: www.soroptimistolympia.org.

All inquiries regarding this application should be made to the club contact person listed above.

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General Information

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Date of Birth: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Name of the organization where you volunteer: _____

Supervisor/Person You Report To: _____

Phone or Email of Your Supervisor or Person You Report To: _____

Website or Phone for the volunteer organization: _____

Name of High School and Grade You are In: _____

Essay

On the next page, write an essay, up to 750 words. Please tell us about your volunteer work and the reasons behind it. Describe the goals of the organization and their impact on the problem(s) it addresses. What is your role in the organization? What have you accomplished as a volunteer?

Additional Materials (Optional)

Please feel free to submit any supporting materials that you think we should see (for example, newspaper clippings, photographs, etc.). Additional materials are optional. Ensure that your name and phone number are included on all additional materials.

Agreement

- I certify that all information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I will notify the designated club to which I have submitted this application of any changes.
- I understand this award is taxable in the United States.
- I certify that this is the only application I have made this year for a Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award from this or any other Soroptimist club.
- I understand that my application and supporting materials become the property of Soroptimist International of Olympia upon submission, and that Soroptimist International of Olympia shall have sole discretion in using these materials to publicize the Violet Richardson Award program.

By typing your name below, you acknowledge that you adhere to the above requirements.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

By typing your name here, you give permission for your daughter to apply for the Violet Richardson Award (required if your daughter is a minor).

Essay

Your Name_____

Please type your essay below.