

It's What You Do That Counts! Volunteer!

Are you a young woman between the ages of 14 and 18 who volunteers in your community or school? If you are a young woman who believes in the power of volunteer action, then you may be eligible to win a Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award.

The Violet Richardson Award recognizes young women who make the community and world a better place through volunteer efforts such as: fighting drugs, crime and violence; cleaning up the environment; and working to end discrimination and poverty. Volunteer actions that benefit women or girls are of particular interest.

Soroptimist 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 your actions. And that's why we sponsor this award.

The Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award Program

The Violet Richardson Award program is sponsored by the Soroptimist International Fairfax County (SIFC). **The Violet Richardson Award is \$500.00.**

If you think you would make a good Violet Richardson Award candidate, please complete this application and tell us about your volunteer action. Submit it to SIFC by mail or email (see Step 3 of application process.)

Good luck! And, even if you don't win a Violet Richardson Award, we applaud your efforts to make your community and the world a better place.

Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award Application

Instructions:

Deadline: Completed applications and any supporting materials must be received by **March 1** at the address or email address listed in Step 3. Soroptimists, Soroptimist employees and the immediate families of both are ineligible, as are previous Violet Richardson Award winners. Applications submitted directly to Soroptimist headquarters will not be considered.

Step 1: Determine if you are eligible

- are currently between the ages of 14 and 18
- have demonstrated initiative in both identifying a problem and trying to solve it
- have had significant and noteworthy accomplishments as volunteers
- have a grade point average of at least 2.0

Step 2: Complete the application To fill out the form:

- Select the “Hand Tool,” which appears as a small white hand.
- Move the “Hand Tool” and click on the area where you want to type.
- A cursor will appear and you can begin typing to personalize the application. (Note: You will not be able to change the type size. Please limit your answers to the space allotted.)
- Once all parts of the form are personalized, select “Save As” from the “File” menu and change the file name (for example, “VRAemailappLG.pdf,” where “LG” are your initials). Click “Save.”

Step 3: **Email your application Send your application with any supporting materials before March 1 to:**

Soroptimist Club Name: Soroptimist International Fairfax County, Va.

Club Contact Person: Catherine Clark

Email Address: clark10131@verizon.net

Address: 1013 Fairway Drive, NE

City/State/Zip: Vienna, Va. 22180-3635

Phone : 703-255-2016

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

Soroptimist International Fairfax County, Va.

Violet Richardson Award Application

General Information

Name: _____

(Last, First, Middle Initial)

Date of Birth _____ Email Address _____

Street Address _____

City, State Zip Code _____

Phone (H) _____ (C) _____

Name of organization where you volunteer _____

Phone number for volunteer organization _____

Volunteer organization contact person _____ Phone _____

Essay : On the next page, write an essay, up to 750 words. Tell us where you volunteer and why. Describe the goals of the organization and its 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. Make sure that your name and phone number are on all additional materials. Include an informal resume of activities you are involved with: sports, honor societies, community, etc.

Agreement

- I certify that all information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I will notify the designated club to which I have submitted this application if there are any changes.
- I understand this award may be taxable at the State and/or Federal level.
- 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 Fairfax County, who will have sole discretion in using these materials for the purpose of publicizing the Violet Richardson Award program.

By typing your name below you agree to adhere to the above requirements.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Essay

Name _____

Please type your essay below. Explain what you do as a volunteer, why, what impact this has on the people served by the organization, etc.

