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Soroptimist International of Riverside



STUDENT VOLUNTEER AWARD

Up to \$5,000 Available

It's What You Do That Counts!



Are you a high school senior girl who volunteers in your community or school? One who sees challenges instead of obstacles? Hope instead of despair? If you are a young woman who believes in the power of volunteering, then you may be eligible to win a Soroptimist Student Volunteer Award up to \$5,000. (If there is more than one awardee, the \$5,000 available will be divided equally.)

The Student Volunteer Award recognizes young women who make the community and world a better place through volunteer efforts such as: Tutoring others, working to end discrimination and poverty, fighting drugs, crime and violence and cleaning up the environment. 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 volunteering is its own reward, we also know it feels good to be recognized for your actions. That's why we sponsor this volunteer award to a high school girl.



Student Volunteer Award

If you think you would make a good Student Volunteer Award candidate, please complete this application. Email it to gracious135@yahoo.com or mail it to **Charlene Johnson, Soroptimist International of Riverside, P. O. Box 1631, Riverside, CA 92502-1631.**

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

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Application Instructions



DEADLINE:

Completed applications and any supporting materials must be received by **JANUARY 31, 2022** at the address or email listed in Step 3. Soroptimists and their immediate families are ineligible as are previous Violet Richardson Award or Student Volunteer Award winners.

Step 1: DETERMINE IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE

Eligible applicants are young women who:

- Are currently seniors in high school.
- 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

To fill out the form:

- Fill in all the blanks on the application form.
- Sign the form and make sure that a parent or guardian also signs the application.

Step 3: RETURN YOUR APPLICATION

Send your application with supporting materials (Essay, Letter of Recommendation from your Volunteer Supervisor and Additional Optional Materials) to:

MAIL:

Charlene Johnson
Student Volunteer Award Chair
Soroptimist International of Riverside
P. O. Box 1631
Riverside CA 92502-1631

EMAIL:

gracious135@yahoo.com

Step 4: VOLUNTEER SUPERVISOR RECOMMENDATION FORM

Make sure your Volunteer Supervisor, Counselor or Teacher gets a copy of the Supervisor's Recommendation Form that they will return directly to Soroptimist International of Riverside.

All inquiries regarding this application should be made to:

Charlene Johnson
Student Volunteer Award Chair
(951) 907-0096
gracious135@yahoo.com

Student Volunteer Award Application



GENERAL INFORMATION:

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

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____ Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

School Name: _____ Counselor's Name: _____

Organization Where You Volunteer: _____

Supervisor at Volunteer Organization: _____ Phone: _____

Approximate Number of Hours Volunteered During High School Years: _____

PLEASE SUBMIT:

1. ESSAY - On a Word document, type your name in the upper left corner and your school name under your name. Type an essay double spaced, up to 750 words, stating where you volunteer and why. Describe the goals of the organization and its impact on the problem(s) on which it focuses. What is your role in the organization? What have you accomplished as a volunteer? How do you inspire other girls?
2. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION from your volunteer supervisor, counselor or teacher.
3. VOLUNTEER SUPERVISOR'S RECOMMENDATION FORM to be submitted by your supervisor directly to gracious135@yahoo.com or mail to: **Charlene Johnson, Soroptimist International of Riverside, P.O. Box 1631, Riverside CA 92502-1631**

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS (OPTIONAL):

Feel free to submit any supporting materials you think we should see. (For example: newspaper clippings, photographs, etc.) Additional materials are optional. Make sure your name and phone number are on all additional materials.

AGREEMENT:

1. I certify that all information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
2. I understand that this award is taxable.
3. I certify that this is the only application I have made this year for a Soroptimist Student Volunteer Award from this or any other Soroptimist club.
4. I understand that my application and supporting materials become the property of Soroptimist International of Riverside upon submission and that said club shall have sole discretion in using these materials for the purpose of publicizing the Student Volunteer Award program.

By signing your name below, you agree to the above requirements.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Supervisor's Recommendation Form

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Please either scan and email the completed form to: gracious135@yahoo.com or mail to: **Charlene Johnson, Soroptimist International of Riverside P. O. Box 1631, Riverside, CA 92502-1631**

Name of Volunteer: _____ Number of Volunteer Hours (Approx.): _____

Name of Organization: _____

Name of Supervisor: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please rank overall strengths by circling your choice or checking the N/A box.

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
Punctual: Meets scheduled times.	3	2	1	0	
Organized: Plans and manages work and time effectively.	3	2	1	0	
Quality Work: Level of completeness, accuracy.	3	2	1	0	
Shows Initiative: Works independently when necessary, self starter.	3	2	1	0	
Works well under Pressure: Adapts to stressful situations.	3	2	1	0	
Constructive Criticism: Accepts suggestions for improvement.	3	2	1	0	
Team Skills: Works collaboratively with others.	3	2	1	0	
Motivated: Committed to performing well.	3	2	1	0	
Dependable: Honors his/her volunteer commitments.	3	2	1	0	
Empathetic: Is sensitive to the needs of others.	3	2	1	0	
Ethical: Respects peers/co-workers and supervisors.	3	2	1	0	
Honest and trustworthy: Gives evidence of being truthful.	3	2	1	0	
Good Judgment: Exhibits positive reasoning skills.	3	2	1	0	
Complies with Rules/Regulations: Follows rules of the organization.	3	2	1	0	

Please provide any additional information you believe we should know:

Signature: _____ Date: _____