



SOROPTIMIST

Best for Women

Violet Richardson Award Application Information

Project Summary:

SI Helena participates in the Violet Richardson Award program, which was created in 2000 as a way to recognize girls for their volunteer service to their communities. The program honors young women between the ages of 14 and 17 whose volunteer efforts include: helping other disadvantaged girls; fighting drugs; crime and violence; cleaning up the environment; and working to end discrimination and poverty. Volunteer actions that benefit women and girls are particularly valued.

The program was named after Violet Richardson Ward, the first president of the first Soroptimist club in 1921. Violet was committed to creating opportunities for girls and young women through her affiliations with Soroptimist, the Girl Scout Council and the American Association of University Women. Her passion for community service, particularly as it affected women and girls, has been an inspiration to Soroptimists throughout the years.

Award Levels:

The Violet Richardson Award program begins at the local Soroptimist club level, where the type of award varies. Soroptimist International of Helena presents a \$600 award to winners. Club-level winners then become eligible for one of 28 \$1,000 awards. In addition, \$1,000 will be contributed in honor of these winners to their volunteer organizations. One finalist will be chosen from among the 28 winners for an additional award, including a contribution of \$2,500 to the finalist's volunteer organization.

Deadline:

All materials must be post-marked by December 1 and sent to the following address:

Scholarship Committee
SI of Helena
PO Box 1216
Helena, MT 59624

If you have further questions, please contact Jeannie Keller at 406-443-4843