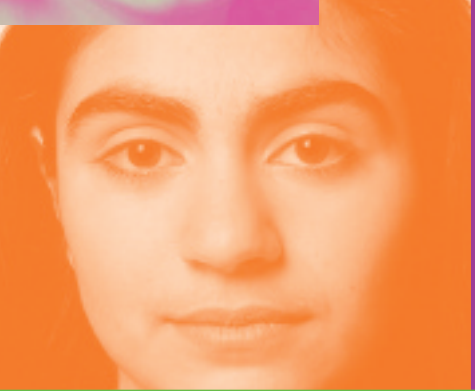
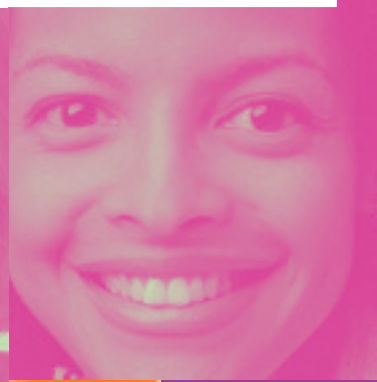


The Violet Richardson Award

**Honoring  
Young  
Women**  
for Volunteer Action

*a program of Soroptimist International of the Americas*



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Best for Women

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

Are you a young woman between the ages of 14 and 17 who volunteers in your community or school? Who sees challenges instead of obstacles? Hope instead of despair? 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.



# VOLUNTEER

## The Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award Program

The Violet Richardson Award program begins at the local Soroptimist club level, where the type of award varies. 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.

If you think you would make a good Violet Richardson Award candidate, please complete this application and tell us about your volunteer action. Send it to the local Soroptimist club listed on the application.

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

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## Instructions:

### Deadline:

Completed applications and any supporting materials must be received by December 1 at the 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

Eligible applicants are young women who:

- are currently between the ages of 14 and 17
- 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:

- 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 to:

**Soroptimist Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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