

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

Are you a young woman in high school 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 Fargo Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award Program

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 Soroptimist International of Fargo.

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 before April 1, at the address listed in Step 3. Previous Violet Richardson Award winners are ineligible.

### Step 1: Determine if you are eligible

Eligible applicants are young women who:

- are currently enrolled in high school
- have demonstrated initiative in both identifying a problem and trying to solve it
- have had involvement as a volunteer in the community

### Step 2: Complete the application using one of the following options:

- Option 1 - Complete a printed hard copy and mail to the address listed below.
- Option 2 - Complete an electronic application and email it to the address listed below
  - Select the "hand tool"
  - Move the "hand tool" and click on the area where you want to type
  - A cursor will appear and you can answer. (Note: you will not be able to change the type size)
  - Once all parts of the form are personalized, select "Save As" and change the file name to include your initials

### Step 3: Email or Mail your application to

Send your application with any supporting materials to:

**Soroptimist International of Fargo**

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**Club Contact Person: Suzanne Schmidt**

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**Email Address: [sifargo@soroptimist.net](mailto:sifargo@soroptimist.net)**

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**Address: PO Box 3249**

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**City/State/Zip: Fargo, ND 58108**

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**Phone: 701-361-8373**

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

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## General Information

Name

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(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

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Date of Birth Year In School ( ) Fr ( ) Soph ( ) Jr ( ) Sr  
(circle one or X in front of the year)

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Address  
(Number and Street)

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City State Zip Code

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Email address:

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Phone

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Name of the organization where you volunteer

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Phone number for volunteer organization

## 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.

## Agreement

- I certify that all information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I will notify SI of Fargo if there are 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 Fargo upon submission, and that SI of Fargo shall have sole discretion in using these materials for the purpose of publicizing the Violet Richardson Award program.

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

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Signature of Applicant Date

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

## Essay

Please type your essay below.