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Fact Sheet

Violet Richardson Award

Program Overview

The Violet Richardson award is given yearly to a girl between the ages of 14 - 17. It begins with the local level, in our case Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows. (SITM). We will select up to three recipients, who will split \$1,000. Half of each award will be given to the charity of the recipient's choice and half will be given directly to the recipient. Additionally, recipients will receive certificates and mention in the press. The winner we select at the local level goes on to compete for regional and federation-level awards.

Evaluation Criteria

The applicant must be involved in volunteer activity, which is the sole criterion for which she will be evaluated. Volunteer projects can include, but are not limited to, those focusing on homelessness, violence, drug abuse, unemployment, illiteracy, discrimination, AIDS, or pollution. Projects may assist any group including the elderly, the disabled, and mentally or emotionally challenged groups. Projects that benefit women or girls are especially valued. Topics can include, but are not limited to mentoring, sexual harassment, sexual decision-making, teen parenting, careers, finances and any other projects that specifically benefit women, young women or girls.

This award is based solely on the applicant's volunteer work. It is an opportunity to honor a girl who might not otherwise receive recognition. She may not be the best student, the best athlete, or the most popular girl in school, but she is committed to making the world a better place. Soroptimists, employees of Soroptimists and the immediate families of both are ineligible. Immediate family is defined as parents, siblings and children by adoption, blood or marriage. Previous winners of the award are also ineligible.

How to Apply

Girls between the ages of 14 - 17 must complete an application and return it by December 1, 2011. The form is available on SITM's website http://www.sitmnv.org/scholarships_awards.html (scroll to the bottom of the page) or you may request an application or get more information by emailing:

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