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VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARD

Recognizing young women
ages 14–17 who are making
a difference.

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APPLICATION PACKAGE



Are you a young woman between the ages of 14 and 17 who is making a difference at your school, in your community, or beyond?

Maybe you see a challenge and look for a way to help. Maybe you care deeply about an issue and have taken action. Or maybe you simply saw something that needed to be done and decided to do something about it.

The **Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award** recognizes young women who are making their communities and the world a better place through volunteer action. This can include helping others, protecting the environment, addressing poverty, discrimination, crime or violence, or supporting a cause that matters to you.

Actions that benefit women and girls are of particular interest.

Soroptimist is an organization of women who volunteer in their communities and work to improve the lives of women and girls. We know that volunteering is its own reward, but we also believe that **the people who make a difference deserve to be recognized.**

That's why we sponsor the Violet Richardson Award.



**IT'S WHAT YOU
DO THAT COUNTS!**

READY TO TELL YOUR STORY?

If you're a young woman who is making a difference through volunteer action, we want to hear about it.

Complete the application and tell us about the work you're doing, why it matters to you, and the difference you're making in your community.

Your actions matter. Your voice matters. Your story matters.

Submit your completed application to the Soroptimist club listed on the application.



Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award Application

How to Apply:

Step 1 — Make Sure You're Eligible

You may apply if you:

- Are currently 14–17 years old
- Have identified a problem or need in your school, community, or beyond and taken action to address it
- Have made a meaningful contribution through volunteer work

Please note: Soroptimist members, Soroptimist employees, their immediate family members, and previous Violet Richardson Award winners are not eligible to apply.

Step 2 — Complete the Application

Open the PDF application and fill out the forms

Tell us about your volunteer work, what inspired you to get involved, and the difference you are making.

You can also include supporting materials that help tell your story, such as:

- Photos
- Reference letters
- News articles or media coverage
- Certificates or awards
- Other materials that show your volunteer work and its impact

When you're finished, save the completed application as a PDF using your first and last name in the file name.

Step 3 — Submit Your Application

DEADLINE: December 31

Email your completed application and any supporting materials to:

Robyn Devine

soroptimist_robyn@icloud.com

Please submit your application directly to Soroptimist International of Central Alberta. Applications submitted to Soroptimist headquarters will not be considered.

Questions?

Please contact Robyn Devine at the email address above.



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Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____ **Email Address** _____

Address _____

City _____ **Province** _____ **Postal Code** _____

Phone _____

Your Volunteer Work

Organization / Group _____

Your Role _____

Organization Phone Number _____

Volunteer with more than one organization? Include the additional information with your supporting materials.

APPLICANT AGREEMENT

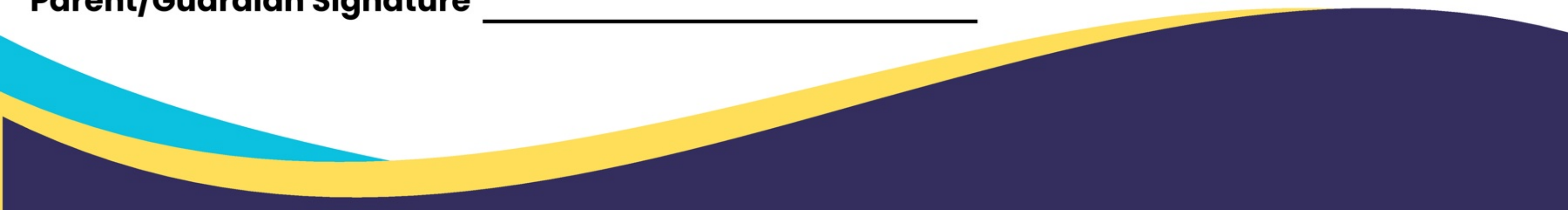
Please review the following before submitting your application.

- ☐ I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- ☐ I confirm that this is my only application for a Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award this year.
- ☐ I understand that my application and supporting materials may be used by Soroptimist International of the Americas and the Soroptimist International of Central Alberta club for the purpose of promoting the Violet Richardson Award program.

By signing below, you confirm that you have read and agree to the statements above.

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____



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YOUR STORY

Tell us what you do and why it matters.

This is your chance to tell us about the volunteer work that matters to you. There are no right or wrong answers. We want to understand what inspired you to get involved, what you have done, and the difference you are making.

In **750 words or less**, tell us:

WHERE YOU VOLUNTEER

What organization, group, school, or cause do you volunteer with? What does it do?

WHY YOU GOT INVOLVED

What inspired you to volunteer? What problem, need, or opportunity did you see?

WHAT YOU DO

Tell us about your role and the things you have done as a volunteer.

WHAT YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED

What have you achieved or contributed? What are you most proud of?

THE DIFFERENCE YOU MAKE

How has your volunteer work helped others, your community, or an issue you care about?

ATTACH YOUR STORY

Please submit your story as a **separate document** with your completed application. Your story should be **750 words or less**.

You may also include supporting materials such as photos, reference letters, news articles, certificates, or other materials that help show your volunteer work and its impact.

