



Soroptimist
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Violet Richardson Award Program

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Soroptimist is concerned with the special challenges facing today's girls and young women. The organization launched the Violet Richardson Award program 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.

History

The program is named after Violet Richardson Ward, the first president of the first Soroptimist club. Richardson Ward 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 volunteer service, particularly as it affected women and girls, has been an inspiration to Soroptimists throughout the years.

Program Structure

Participating Soroptimist clubs implement the program at a local level, where awards vary. Club-level recipients then become eligible for a cash award, with a matching cash award for the charitable organization of the recipient's choosing. The Soroptimist organization grants one finalist a \$2,500 award to the recipient's volunteer organization.

To be considered for SIGH's Violet Richardson Award, or to recommend someone, please complete the Violet Richard Award Application Form available on our website (<http://www.soroptimistgh.com/projects.html>), or you may contact us directly at info@soroptimistgh.com for more information.

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