



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

# G.I.V.E. AWARD

(Girls Into Volunteer Experiences)

## HONORING YOUNG WOMEN FOR VOLUNTEER ACTION

**G.I.V.E.** is an award program offered through Soroptimist International of South Lake Tahoe and Soroptimist International of Tahoe Sierra. Soroptimist is an organization of women whose members volunteer in their communities. **This award recognizes young women in grades 8 through 12 who volunteer in their school or community.** The award was previously named after Violet Richardson, the President of the first Soroptimist club in Alameda County in 1921. She believed in personal responsibility and the motto, “It’s what you do that counts.” Violet Richardson lived her life accordingly, as an active member in her community who was committed to creating opportunities for girls and young women. **If you believe in the power of volunteer action, then you may be eligible to win the G.I.V.E. award of \$100 to you and \$100 to the organization of your choice.** If you think you’d make a good **G.I.V.E.** award candidate, please complete the enclosed application and tell us about your volunteer action.

Send your application to the Soroptimist contact listed on the application, either by email or “snail” mail.

**All applications are due no later than February 16, 2024.**

**Good luck!**





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**AWARD INSTRUCTIONS**

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**DEADLINE:**

Completed applications and any supporting materials **MUST** be received by **February 16, 2024** at the address or email listed in Step 2. Please call the contact number if you need to deliver your application in person. Soroptimists, Soroptimist employees and their immediate families are ineligible, as are previous award winners.

**STEP 1 – DETERMINE IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE:**

Eligible applicants are young women who

- 👍 are currently in grades 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>
- 👍 Have demonstrated initiative in both identifying a problem and trying to solve it
- 👍 Have had significant and noteworthy accomplishments as a volunteer

**STEP 2 - EMAIL (or SNAIL MAIL) YOUR APPLICATION AND ESSAY:**

**Send your application with any supporting materials to:**

Soroptimist International of Tahoe Sierra  
Attn: Nancy Muller  
PO Box 18727  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96151  
Email: [awards@sitahoesierra.org](mailto:awards@sitahoesierra.org)  
Phone: 530-318-4929

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**AWARD APPLICATION**

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Current School Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the organization where you volunteer \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number for volunteer organization and contact name \_\_\_\_\_

**ESSAY**

On the next page, write an essay (or provide a typed 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.

Signature of Applicant (can be typed if submitting electronically) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ & phone/email \_\_\_\_\_

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