

## SOROPTIMIST YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS

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### **Soroptimist International of Stuart**

Soroptimist Youth Service Awards are given in recognition of the outstanding contributions made by young people to home, school and/or community.

This year, Soroptimist International of Stuart is pleased to announce availability of five (5) \$500 scholarship awards to be distributed to one recipient graduating from each of the schools listed below:

- Martin County High School - \$500
- South Fork High School - \$500
- Jensen Beach High School - \$500
- IRSC Clark Advanced Learning School - \$500
- Stuart Community High School - \$500

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible, the male or female applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5, be a senior in high school, and be applying to attend either: a college or university, community college or vocational and/or technical school following graduation from high school. To qualify for the award, which is judged primarily on the home, school, and/or community service as well as the merit of the applicant, a student must demonstrate the following:

1. **Service** – Applicant must have taken an active part in service in the home, school, and/or community.
2. **Responsibility** – Applicant must have demonstrated dependability.
3. **Sense of Purpose** – Applicant must have pursued his/her goals and commitments with sincerity and integrity.

### **Other Requirements**

**Applicant must complete this official Soroptimist Youth Service Awards application and submit it prior to the deadline set forth below.**

Letters of reference from **two** adults, representing two different sources and not related to the applicant must be included with the official application. Using the attached personal reference letter you will need to make two copies of the letter in order to comply with the request.

Applications and supporting information become the property of Soroptimist International of Stuart, which shall have discretionary authority in all matters pertaining to this award.

***Please return all applications to your school Guidance Office by the deadline date (December 1, 2009).***



3. **STUDENT ACTIVITIES:** Summarize your school activities, emphasizing those that you initiated or had a part in organizing. Begin with the most important and include offices you've held.

### ***PART III                    SENSE OF PURPOSE AND GOALS***

1. What are your future goals(s)? Why have you selected these goal(s)?

2. How will this award help you in reaching your goals?

**PART IV WHAT MORE SHOULD WE KNOW?**

What else would you like us to know about you, your family, your plans for the future, why you feel you should receive this award, etc.? Please limit this response to 250 words or less.

**PART V REFERENCES**

Using the attached personal reference form, submit two references along with your completed application. References must be from two adults representing two different sources. Any references from school personnel should relate to citizenship or community service, not academic accomplishments. References **must** be sent with your completed application.

**PART VI AGREEMENT**

I have read and hereby accept the conditions, rules, and regulations outlined on page 1 of this application, and I agree to accept the decision of the judges as final

I understand that this award is taxable in the United States.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### PERSONAL REFERENCE FOR A SOROPTIMIST YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS CANDIDATE

Thank you for taking the next few minutes of your time to recommend \_\_\_\_\_ for Consideration as a Youth Service Awards candidate. These awards recognize young people for their outstanding contributions to home, school and/or community. These are NOT awarded solely for scholastic achievement, but rather for the applicant's demonstrated commitment to improving the quality of life for others. Please use your personal knowledge of this candidate to respond to the following questions.

1. How long have you known the candidate and in what capacity (friend, employer, instructor, etc.)?
2. What is your personal knowledge of the candidate's accomplishments in her/his life? (Address specific examples of activities at work, school, home, community, place of worship, etc.)
3. What is your personal knowledge of the candidate's career plans and his/her goals for the future?
4. What additional information would you like to mention that you think the judges should know about the candidate?

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return completed reference to the applicant for submission with application.*