The Bea Kelly Volunteer Award

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Soroptimist International of the Tri Cities



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Are you a young woman in grade 12 who volunteers in your community or school? Who sees challenges instead of obstacles? Hope instead of despair? If you are a young woman who believes in the power of volunteer action, then you may be eligible to win a Bea Kelly Volunteer Award.

The Bea Kelly Volunteer Award recognizes young women who make the community and world a better place through volunteer efforts such as: fighting drugs, crime and violence; cleaning up the environment; and working to end discrimination and poverty. Volunteer actions that benefit women or girls are of particular interest.

Soroptimist is an organization of women whose members volunteer in their communities, often working on the same problems that you do. Although we realize that volunteering is its own reward, we also know it feels good to be recognized for your actions. And that's why we sponsor this award.



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If you think you would make a good Bea Kelly Volunteer Award candidate, please complete this application and tell us about your volunteer action. Send it to Soroptimist International of the Tri Cities at the address on the application.

The Bea Kelly Volunteer Award is unique to Soroptimist International of the Tri Cities. Its purpose is to simultaneously recognize amazing young women who volunteer in our community and also to help offset some of the costs of a post-secondary education for our award winners with a $1500 bursary to be paid to the recipient's educational institute.

Bea Kelly Volunteer Award Application

Instructions:

Deadline: January 15, annually

Completed applications and any supporting materials must be received by the above date, at the address listed in Step 3. Soroptimists and their immediate families are ineligible, as are previous Violet Richardson and Bea Kelly Award winners. Winners must have applied to, or are attending a Canadian post secondary school.

Step 1: Determine if you are eligible

Eligible applicants are young women who:

- are currently in grade 12
- are planning to attend an accredited post-secondary institution after graduation
- have had significant and noteworthy accomplishments as volunteers
- live or attend school in the Tri-Cities area of British Columbia Canada: Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Anmore or Belcarra

Step 2: Complete the application

To fill out the form:

- Click the cursor in the field you want to type in. This is a writable form which means you can type into it and save what you type.
- Before typing very much be sure it will be saved. After typing your name, select “Save As” from the “File” menu and change the file name (for example, “BKemailappLG.pdf,” where “LG” are your initials). Click “Save.” **Open the file with the new name to be sure your responses have been saved. If not you need to install a newer version of Adobe Reader.**
- Once all your information has been filled in, save again.

Step 3: Email the application

Send your application with any supporting materials to:

Soroptimist International of the Tri Cities

Club Contact Person: Awards Committee - Sharon

Email Address: sitcawards@gmail.com

Phone: 604-290-5110

All inquiries regarding this application should be made to the club contact person listed above.

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General Information

Name _____

(Last) **(First)** **(Middle Initial)**

Date of Birth _____ **Email Address** _____

Address _____

(Number and Street)

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

Phone _____

Name of your school, and your grade: _____

Post-secondary institute you plan to attend: _____

Organization where you volunteer, and their phone number: _____

Essay

On the next page, write an essay, up to 750 words. Tell us where you volunteer and why. What have you accomplished as a volunteer? Also tell us your plans for after high-school graduation. What do you plan to study? Why?

Reference (required) and supporting materials (optional)

Please ask someone outside your family to provide a reference letter, last page of this application. Also, 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.

Agreement

I certify that all information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I will notify the Soroptimist club to which I have submitted this application if there are any changes.

I certify that this is the only application I have made this year for a Soroptimist Volunteer Award from this or any other Soroptimist club.

By typing your name below you adhere to the above requirements.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Essay

Please type your essay below.

Reference Letter

Please ask someone from outside your family to type a reference below. This should be someone who knows you well. Ask them to discuss your strengths, your accomplishments and your challenges.

Name, relationship to the applicant, and contact info of person providing reference: