



# Instructions

## Award Information

Give Her Wings Awards, issued by Soroptimist International of Victoria Westshore, are \$1,500 each. This year, there is one award available. The awards are available to women who were previously in the British Columbia foster care system and have been accepted or are enrolled in an educational institution for a program of instruction (more than a single course). See below for full eligibility criteria.

Applications can only be submitted to one club. Your application will be reviewed by a panel of judges, and all information will remain confidential and will not be shared without your prior permission. Not all applicants will be selected for an award.

## Deadline

Applications for Give Her Wings Awards are **accepted between July 1 and December 31** of each year. Award recipients are notified in late January the following year.

## Step 1: Determine if you are eligible

**You are eligible if you are a woman who:**

- Was in the Foster Care system in British Columbia.
- Has been accepted or is enrolled in an educational institution for a program of instruction, not just a single course.
- Is motivated to achieve her educational goals.
- Reside in the Capital Regional District.
- Has not previously been the recipient of a Soroptimist Women's Opportunity Award or Live Your Dream Award.
- Is not a Soroptimist member, employee of Soroptimist International of the Americas or immediate family of either.

## Step 2: Tell us about yourself

Fill out the award application telling us about yourself. Your information will be kept confidential and shared only with the evaluators unless you give us written permission to share your story to publicize the program.

We **STRONGLY** recommend you write your answers in a separate document then cut and paste your answers into our online form. This way your original work will not be lost if your session times out.

Please limit your answers to the space allotted.

## Step 3: Ask people to tell us about you

You will need two different people—who are not related to you—to fill out reference forms. It is recommended that you request references from people who know you from an educational or work setting. Please email the following link to the reference form (<http://sivw.ca/ghw/ghw-reference>) to your references and request they submit the form online when completed. Only two references will be accepted. Please use the form and do not submit other forms of references (such as a letter). They will not be considered as part of the application.

## Step 4: Submit your application

There are two ways for you to fill out an application. The first option is by completing this printed application, scan it and email it to Soroptimist International of Victoria Westshore ([lyd@sivw.ca](mailto:lyd@sivw.ca)). The second option is to use this completed application as a guide for filling out the online application. The online application (<http://sivw.ca/ghw/ghw-application>) does not save and must be completed in one sitting.

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## Questions?

Contact Soroptimist International of Victoria Westshore at [lyd@sivw.ca](mailto:lyd@sivw.ca).

## Ready to Apply?

Print the following form and take your time in answering the questions as thoroughly and accurately as possible. When you have finished answering the questions, you can scan the application and email it to us ([lyd@sivw.ca](mailto:lyd@sivw.ca)) or you can use the form as a reference guide to completing the application online (<http://sivw.ca/ghw/ghw-application>).

# Ready, Set, Fly to Success!!

Begin your application now

## Part I. Basic Information

Name (first, middle initial, last): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (number and street address): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest level of education achieved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part II. What are your educational goals?

A. What's the name of the school or training program you are attending or have been accepted to?

B. Are you a full-time or part-time student?

Full-time

Part-time

C. Why are you pursuing more education?

D. What are you passionate about?

E. What are your strengths?

F. Where did you find the encouragement to keep moving forward?

G. What is your current income? \_\_\_\_\_

H. Who was your Foster Care Support Worker \_\_\_\_\_

## Part V. Agreement

Please read the following information carefully. When you sign your name below, you are agreeing to what you have read.

- I certify that all the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I will notify Soroptimist International of Victoria Westshore if there are any changes.
- I certify that this is the only application I have made—in any format or to any address—this year for a Soroptimist Give Her Wings or Live Your Dream Award.
- I understand that my application may be submitted electronically for evaluation.
- I understand that my application becomes the property of Soroptimist International of the Americas. The application will be considered confidential unless the applicant grants Soroptimist International written permission to release personal information for the purpose of publicizing the award.

By signing your name below, you adhere to the above requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### How did you hear about the Soroptimist Give Her Wings Award?

- A local Soroptimist club
- A friend, relative, or co-worker
- A career counsellor or advisor at my school
- Social media
- A flyer posted in my community
- Internet search
- Searchable database of scholarships:
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for applying for the  
Give Her Wings Award.  
Congratulations on all you have achieved so far!