

Soroptimist International of Albany 2020-2021 Community Service Scholarship Application

One graduating senior from Albany Options School, South Albany High School or West Albany High School will be selected for this award. The recipient will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to a post-secondary institution: four year college or university, community college, junior college, or business or trade school. The Scholarship will be paid directly to the institution; verification of enrollment will be necessary for disbursement.

Criteria:

1. Must have GPA 2.0 or higher.
2. Must complete and turn in application and essay on time.
3. Must be a high school senior enrolled at Albany Options School, South Albany High School or West Albany High School

Please include the following additional information on the attached pages.

1. Please describe your college or post-high school training and career plans.
2. What is your understanding of the role/mission of Soroptimist International and Soroptimist International of Albany?
3. Please include an essay, up to 750 words. Choose one:

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? Why did you choose to volunteer?

Tell us how you've positively coped with remote learning and COVID-19 pandemic. In what way has the current environment improved your outlook on volunteerism?

4. **List of volunteer activities or projects.**
5. List of extracurricular school activities, honors awards, sports. If none, include an essay about a personal obstacle you had to overcome to achieve a goal, and what that goal was.
6. List of current and/or previous employers, if applicable.
7. Two letters of recommendation (non-family members only) - one must be from an organization or individual **with whom you have volunteered.**

Selection Process: A scholarship committee will make the final selection. *Please note: this scholarship focuses on Volunteerism; academic success and extracurricular activities are not the primary consideration for this award.* We will notify the winner by email and phone.

Application website: sialbany.org

Deadline: Postmarked or email on or before Wednesday March 31, 2021

Mail to: Soroptimist International of Albany
Attn: Student of the Year Committee
P.O. Box 1475
Albany, Oregon 97321

Email to: Dani Davis, ddavis@rlallp.com

Questions? Dani Davis, Email: ddavis@rlallp.com



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(Page 2/3) Please complete all blanks, including the counselor's verification.

Name of applicant: _____

Home address: _____

Phone Number: _____ GPA: _____ **Counselor Verify:** _____

Email address: _____

High School: _____

Parents/Guardians Name: _____

College or Program you will be attending: _____

Please provide the following information. Attach additional pages as necessary:

1. Please describe your college, post-high school training and career plans:

2. What is your understanding of the role or mission of Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) and the local club Soroptimist International of Albany? (*visit Soroptimist.org and sialbany.org to learn more*)



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- **Attach an Essay of 750 Words – Choose one topic?**

- **Volunteer activities or projects**

Activity/Organization	Position/Office	Hours/Week	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Awards/Honors

- **Extracurricular school activities, sports teams, honors and awards**

If none, please attach an additional essay of no more than 250 words about a personal obstacle you had to overcome to achieve a goal, and what that goal was.

Activity	Position/Office	Hours/Week	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Awards/Honors

- **Work Experience**

Employer	Year	Hours/Week	Position Held

- **Attach two Letters of Recommendation**

Additional Materials (Optional)

Please feel free to submit any supporting materials that you think we should see (for example, newspaper clippings, photographs, etc.), and separate pages for the information above. Additional materials are optional.

Agreement:

- *I certify that all the information provided in the application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.*
- *I understand that my application and supporting materials become the property of the Soroptimist International of Albany, and that SIA shall have sole discretion in using these materials for the purpose of publicizing the Student of the Year Award.*

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____