

Press Release

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Soroptimist International of Loomis Basin offers awards

Teachers, girls, women and readers can apply for awards

October 29, 2012 (LOOMIS, CA) –Soroptimist International of Loomis Basin announces that applications are being accepted for community awards. Applications are due starting December 1, 2012, depending upon the award, and are available by calling Karen Fraser-Middleton at 916-652-0993.

Violet Richardson Award

This award recognizes young women who make the community and the world a better place, particularly for women and girls, through volunteer efforts. This might include fighting drugs, crime and violence; cleaning up the environment; or working to end discrimination and poverty. Girls must be between the ages of 14 and 17 on December 1, 2012 and reside in the Loomis Basin. This winner receives a cash award and an additional cash award for the non-profit of her choice. Applications, which are also available from high school counselors, are due by December 1, 2012.

Women's Opportunity Award

This award aids mature women who must enter the job market or return to careers in order to support themselves and their families. This award aids women who need additional skills, training and education to upgrade their employability. Candidates should be heads of households, completing undergraduate programs or entering vocational or technical training programs, who reside in the Loomis Basin. Applications are due by December 15, 2012.

Teacher Grants

These small grants help fund teachers' long-term projects that will benefit numerous classes over time. Previous recipients have used the funds for books, music, science project equipment, historic costumes and other similar projects that benefit the students and community. The grant request can be from any area of study. Applications are due by December 1, 2012.

Sanford J. Weinberg Volunteer Reader Award

This award recognizes a volunteer in Loomis who offers help to elementary school classrooms through reading stories to children and improving literacy. Applications are due by December 1, 2012.

To learn more Soroptimist International of Loomis Basin, visit a Wednesday 8 AM weekly meeting at 'The Train Depot' (Taylor Rd. & Horseshoe Bar Rd.) in Loomis, or contact Kaera Anzalone, President at 916-652-4024.

Soroptimist (soroptimist.org) is an international volunteer service organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. Soroptimist International of Loomis Basin is a 501(c)(3) organization. The club supports Loomis LIFE center, women's transition home and other community projects.

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