

Women's Association of Hilton Head Island

2019-2020 Youth Community Service Award Application

This annual award is presented to graduating seniors who have performed significant service to both their school and community throughout their high school years. All male and female seniors who will graduate in the spring of 2020 and who fit this criterion of service are encouraged to apply for this **\$1000 cash award**.

Participating senior applicants must submit a completed application to their respective guidance counselor no later than Wednesday, March 2, 2020. A committee member will pick up completed applications from the Guidance Office by March 4. Presentations will be made at WAHHI's April 21, 2020 luncheon.

For your convenience, applicants and their counselors should refer to the checklist on page two in order to assure that each submitted application is complete.

The Process

- Applicants will need to provide personal and educational information (see pages 3 and 4)
- Applicants will need to complete a descriptive essay (see page 7 for specific requirements)
- Applicants will need to solicit at least two letters of recommendation. One must be from a school representative and one must be from a representative of a community-based service organization (see pp. 8 and 9 for details)
- Applicants must attach a current high school transcript.
- Applicant has submitted **lists** of (1) school / community service, (2) academic awards or achievements, (3) athletic and extra-curricular involvement.
- Upon completion of the application, checklist and signature (page 2 / pages 3 & 4 for homeschooled students) submissions must be made to the guidance office by the specified date identified above.
- Upon receipt of the completed application, guidance counselors will review for accuracy, complete their section of the checklist (page 2/ pages 3 & 4 for homeschooled students), and sign.
- Guidance Counselors will be contacted by a WAHHI Youth Community Service Award committee member to coordinate pick up of all completed applications.

CHECKLIST for Students Attending Public or Private School

	Applicant Checkoff	Counselor Checkoff
Applicant Information		
Applicant Essay		
School Based Letter of Recommendation		
Community Organization Letter of Recommendation		
Lists of All Service, Activities, Awards		
Current Transcript is Attached		

Important dates to remember:

Applicant Completion: March 2, 2020

Guidance Completion: March 4, 2020

I, (Student Applicant’s Signature) _____,

affirm that all information submitted in this packet is accurate and truthful.

Date: _____

I, (Guidance Counselor’s Signature) _____,

affirm that to the best of my knowledge, information submitted in this packet is accurate and truthful.

Date: _____

CHECKLIST for Students Participating in Home Schooling

●	Applicant Checkoff	Educator Checkoff
●		
Applicant Information		
Applicant Essay		
School Based Letter of Recommendation		
Community Organization Letter of Recommendation		
Lists of All Service, Activities, Awards		
Current Transcript is Attached		

Important dates to remember:

Applicant Completion: March 2, 2020

Guidance Completion: March 4, 2020

I, (Student Applicant’s Signature) _____,

affirm that all information submitted in this packet is accurate and truthful.

Date: _____

I, (Educator’s Signature) _____,

affirm that to the best of my knowledge, information submitted in this packet is accurate and truthful.

Date: _____

Additional Information / Students Who Participate in Home Schooling

Select the South Carolina option for home schooling you participate in and answer the questions listed under that option.

___ Option 1: Homeschooling under the South Carolina Home Schooling Statute

- Identify the school district which has approved your application.

- Provide contact information for person and entity to whom provide semiannual progress reports.

- Identify the tool used for your required annual testing.

___ Option 2: Homeschooling with the SC Assoc. of Independent Home Schools

- Identify your membership type. _____ full or _____ auxiliary
- Provide contact information for your SCAIHC contact person.

___ Option 3: Homeschooling with a Homeschool Association

- Identify your Homeschool Association.

- Provide Contact Information for Homeschool Contact Person.

Applicant's Personal Information

Full Name: _____

School: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home
Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address:

Parent(s) or
Guardian(s): _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Phone: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Applicant's Educational Information

Names of all school attended in the last four years in reverse order, starting with the present school: _____

Educational Goals: What schooling or occupational training is in your future after high school? Please include school(s) and area(s) of study you hope to pursue. What are your educational goals?

Career Goals: Your college or occupational training will help to prepare you for the future. What are your career goals?

Activities: Please provide an attachment with **lists** of (1) school / community service, (2) academic awards or achievements, (3) athletic and extra-curricular involvement. All three lists may be on one page if they are properly delineated.

Student Essay

This is your opportunity to show us how you stand out from the crowd. Please provide us with a descriptive account of WHEN, WHY, and HOW you got involved in performing service activities, WHAT you have experienced and learned through your service, and WHAT service means to you.

- Explain when school and community service began for you
- Why you chose to get involved with in service activities
- How you selected the organizations or projects you serve
- What surprises and/or challenges you discovered during the times you were providing these services

Type your essay on a separate piece of paper and attach to the application.

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

This letter may come from a teacher, counselor, or administrator. You may submit more than one letter of recommendation. Please copy this page to provide to those from whom you are requesting a letter of recommendation.

This student, _____,

is applying to be considered to receive the 2018-2019 Youth Community Service Award presented annually by the Women’s Association of Hilton Head Island (WAHHI) to area seniors who have provided outstanding service and assistance to their schools and community.

Please provide information about this applicant that you believe make this student a worthy candidate. Please provide your name, position within your high school, and your contact phone number.

You are welcome to respond on a separate page.

To provide the most benefit to this applicant, please keep in mind that our primary interest is service to school and community and hope your letter will focus on those student attributes rather than those attributes which would typically be included in a letter of recommendation for college admission.

Thank you for helping WAHHI recognize outstanding youth in our community.

Letter of Recommendation from Representative of a Community Service Organization (Non-School Personnel)

This letter must come from a representative of community-based service organization. You may submit more than one letter of recommendation. Please copy this page to provide to those from whom you are requesting a letter of recommendation.

This student, _____,

is applying to be considered to receive the 2018-2019 Youth Community Service Award presented annually by the Women's Association of Hilton Head Island (WAHHI) to area seniors who have provided outstanding service and assistance to their schools and community.

Please provide information about this applicant that you believe make this student a worthy candidate. Please provide your name, position within your organization, and your contact phone number.

You are welcome to respond on a separate page.

To provide the most benefit to this applicant, please keep in mind that our primary interest is service to school and community and hope your letter will focus on those student attributes. Please include as much information as possible, including quantity and quality of service as well as the applicant's philosophy and drive toward giving to others.

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