

Soroptimist International of Victor Valley

Dream It, Be It Award

Honoring Young Women
in pursuit of their dreams, through
education and career development

Application Submission Deadline: April 1, 2024

(completed applications must be received by this date and only e-mailed applications are accepted)

Winners Announced: by April 19, 2024.

Winners will be Honored and Presented Award
at our Awards Event (Date to Be Determined)

(Winners are required to attend the event.)



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Questions are to be submitted to the

SIVVDREAM@gmail.com only.

If you can Dream It, you Can Be It

Are you in high school and a young woman between the ages of 13 and 18 who has set your sights on your future career plans? Do you dream of the career you want but are struggling with support and finances? Do you know what education and/or training you need to pursue your chosen career? Have you set goals to help you achieve your dreams? You may be eligible to win a Soroptimist Dream It, Be It Award.

The Dream It, Be It Award is to help young women achieve their career dreams. Young women have a world of career opportunities available to them. As a young woman, you can pursue any career you want—if you can dream it, you can be it. Soroptimist International of Victor Valley (SIVV) understands that young women today face barriers and obstacles while working toward their career goals. The Dream It, Be It Award provides SIVV an opportunity to help young women overcome some of those obstacles.

Soroptimist International of Victor Valley is a non-profit service organization for business and professional women and men. SIVV has been serving the High Desert since January 1970. The purpose of a Soroptimist club is service, principally to its community, but also to society in general-locally, nationally, and globally. Our key objective is to improve the lives of girls and women.

Dream It, Be It Award

The Dream It, Be It Award program provides awards to local young women who are looking to their future, setting career goals, and taking action to accomplish their goals. These awards are to help the winners achieve their career goals. This year there will be three award levels, the first place winner will receive a \$2,000 award, the second place winner will receive a \$1,500 award, and the third place winner will receive a \$1,000 award.

If you think you would make a good Dream It, Be It Award candidate, please complete this application and tell us about your career dreams. E-mail the application, along with your essay and two letters of recommendation, to: **SIVVDREAM@gmail.com**.

Application must be **received by April 1, 2024**.

Good luck! And keep working toward your future career goals.

Instructions:

Deadline: Complete application must be received by **April 1, 2024**. Late applications will not be accepted and incomplete applications will not be considered. Soroptimists, Soroptimist employees, and the immediate families of both are ineligible for the award. Applications must be e-mailed to:

SIVVDREAM@gmail.com.

Step 1: Determine if you are eligible

Eligible applicants are young women who:

- are currently between the ages of 13 and 18
- in high school (grades 9-12)
- live in the High Desert Area
- have identified career dreams
- are struggling with barriers or obstacles to success
- can demonstrate initiative in working toward career dreams

Step 2: Complete the application

Application package includes:

- Completed Application
- An Essay (Please have your name and page number listed on the top of each page)
- Two letters or recommendation*

** Letters of recommendation must come from an adult (cannot be a family member) who can confirm your passion for your dream career, confirm the actions you have taken to make your dreams happen, and provide a recommendation for you. The person's name, title, phone number, and his/her relationship to you must be included with the letter. Letters must be submitted with the application and essay; however, applications will not be processed unless two letters of recommendation are received by the deadline.*

Step 3: E-mail your completed application documents:

Send your application documents to: **SIVVDREAM@gmail.com**

If you use your school's e-mail materials, please ensure that **all documents are attached in one folder (PDF or Microsoft Word) that can be opened by a non-school connected recipient.**
Please do not send individual documents.

E-mail Address: SIVVDREAM@gmail.com.

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Any inquiries regarding this application should be submitted via e-mail to:

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Dream It, Be It Award Application



General Information: Please print legibly (Application documents must be received by April 1, 2024)

Name: _____, _____, _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Date of Birth: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name of High School: _____ or ☐ Home Schooled

Current Career Dream: _____

Essay

On another sheet, write an essay, up to 1,100 words. Tell us what your career dreams are and why this is your dream career. What have you have done to achieve your dreams? Explain the obstacles you have faced or are currently facing. What will you need to do to make your dreams a reality? How would this award help you in pursuing your dreams?

- Please have your name and page number listed on the top of each page of your essay.
- Essay is to be **double-spaced and typed using Arial 12 Font.**

Agreement

- I certify that all information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand this award may be taxable in the United States.
- I understand that my application and supporting materials become the property of Soroptimist International of Victor Valley (SIVV) upon submission, and that SIVV shall have sole discretion in using the materials for the purpose of publicizing the Dream It, Be It Award program.
- I understand that two (2) letters of recommendation are required for application consideration.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 18): _____