



Colleyville Woman's Club
Spirit of Youth Volunteerism Grant

APPLICATION FORM

Deadline: Friday February 20, 2009

The Colleyville Woman's Club Spirit of Youth Volunteerism Grant recognizes outstanding graduating seniors who volunteer in the community. As a nonprofit service organization, CWC believes that through volunteer service, one individual **CAN** make a difference. Colleyville Woman's Club awards one or more grants annually to graduating seniors that best exemplify this spirit of volunteerism. Grant awards are merit based; individual grant amounts may vary. The minimum grant is \$250 and is based on the unpaid volunteer service the applicant has already performed. Grants are not given in cash; instead, the award recipient(s) selects a college or post high school continuing education training school to receive the funds established for his or her educational use.

Individuals who choose to apply for a grant must meet eligibility requirements and must complete this application in its entirety. Only applications submitted by the receipt deadline will be considered. Selections will be completed and award applicant notified no later than April 15, 2009.

ELIGIBILITY

1. The applicant must be either (1) a traditional graduating student who meets graduation requirements or (2) a non-traditional student who meets graduation requirements, such as a private schooled, home-schooled or special needs student. Applicants must be under the age of 21.
2. Applicants may attend any school, public or private, or may be home-schooled, but must either:
(1) reside in Bedford, Colleyville, Euless, Grapevine, Haltom City, Hurst, Keller, North Richland Hills, Richland Hills, Southlake or Watauga **OR**
(2) are non-residents of these cities but are graduating from a public, private or home school located in Bedford, Colleyville, Euless, Grapevine, Haltom City, Hurst, Keller, North Richland Hills, Richland Hills, Southlake or Watauga. The scope of the nominee's volunteer service is not limited to these cities, however.
3. Colleyville Woman's Club honors individual achievement; however, individuals who perform volunteer community service as part of a group are eligible.
4. The grant recognized **voluntary, not paid**, community service. Individuals who volunteer on work release time or for student course credit are eligible. However, individuals paid for their volunteer activities (other than reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses) are not eligible. Community service mandated as part of a disciplinary action, such as through teen court or a school initiated action, is not eligible for consideration.
5. Only an applicant's individual volunteer service profile during high school will be considered. (Traditionally encompasses grades 9 through 12).
6. The program **EXCLUDES** lobbying efforts toward changing federal, state or local laws, as well as **ALL FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES**, regardless of good intent. Related educational or public awareness merits may be considered.

7. Considerations in selecting grant recipients are based on the following:

- a) 40% — Individual Volunteer Service Profile
(Factors involved in performing volunteer service, such as the level of the service commitment, the impact on others, initiative demonstrated, leadership components, the ability to motivate others, etc.)
- b) 40% — Amount of Volunteer Service
(Quantity (hours) and/or quality and length of service)
- c) 15% — Personal Challenges
(Variables encountered in performing the service)
- d) 5% — Academics
(Current or graduating GPA)

APPLICATION

1. The application form should be legible and complete (please print legibly in pen or type).
2. **Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday February 20, 2009.** To receive verification of receipt of this application, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
3. Each application must include two letters of recommendation (limited to two only), each from an individual (reference) familiar with the applicant's volunteer service. Parents, guardians or anyone related to the applicant may not submit letters of recommendation.
4. Supplementary information included with the application is restricted to four (4) 8½" x 11" one-sided pages or less. This may include letters, newspaper clippings, non-copyrighted photos, etc. Video, electronic media or audiotapes cannot be considered.
5. CWC may request additional information from applicants, listed sources or references.
6. Applicants must sign a Statement of Disclosure, attesting the information is true and correct.
7. Applicants should include a signed Student Photo Release and photograph, preferably no larger than 2½" x 3½". Clearly label the back of photo with name and phone number in felt-tipped pen (not ballpoint); Ink jet and laser print photos will not be accepted. Photos will be returned. Submission of this application constitutes permission to use the applicant's name, and likeness (photo and video) in press materials, advertising and other publications pertaining to the CWC Spirit of Youth Volunteerism Grant Program.
8. The decision of CWC is final. Applications and supplementary information become the property of the Colleyville Woman's Club and cannot be returned.

Biographical Profile

Name: Last _____ First _____ MI _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ Gender: Ⓒ Male Ⓒ Female

Daytime Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

Permanent Home Address:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Mailing Address (if different from above or additional):

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

School Information:

Current School/Other Attending: _____ Grade Level: _____

School District (if applicable): _____ Current or Graduating GPA: _____

School Principal: _____ Phone Number: () _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

Other

Are you a previous recipient of a CWC Youth Volunteer Service Award? Ⓒ YES Ⓒ NO

If yes, please indicate level of award and year received:

Ⓒ Certificate of Merit Year(s) received: _____

Ⓒ Circle of Hope Award Year(s) received: _____

Ⓒ CWC President's Award Year(s) received: _____

Short Response Questions:

(Response answers may not exceed a total of two (2) one-sided pages):

1. Describe the type and scope of your volunteer service as it relates to the hours you have outlined on the enclosed chart:

2. What, if any, personal challenges shaped your attitudes toward volunteer service?

3. How do you believe your volunteer service has influenced your life?

4. How do you build on your personal strengths to help others?

5. Indicate other information about yourself that you wish to bring to the attention of the selection committee.

Letters of Recommendation:

I. First Reference

Below, please complete information about the individual who will write your letter of recommendation regarding your volunteer service. Allow at least two weeks for the person to write the letter. Ask your reference to return the letter to you in a sealed envelope with his or her signature written across the seal. You are responsible for submitting the sealed recommendation with your application.

Reference's Name _____ Daytime phone () _____

How long have you known the reference? _____ In what capacity? _____

II. Second Reference

Below, please complete information about the individual who will write your letter of recommendation regarding your volunteer service. Allow at least two weeks for the person to write the letter. Ask your reference to return the letter to you in a sealed envelope with his or her signature written across the seal. You are responsible for submitting the sealed recommendation with your application.

Reference's Name _____ Daytime phone () _____

How long have you known the reference? _____ In what capacity? _____

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

In addition to the Colleyville Woman's Club Spirit of Youth Volunteerism Grant Program, CWC sponsors two other programs for youth:

1. The CWC Youth Volunteer Service Awards are open to children, ages 5-19, that perform unpaid volunteer service in the community. Three levels of awards are given in four different age groups at a special recognition event, scheduled this year on Sunday, April 19, 2009. **Deadline for application: Friday February 20, 2009**

2. The CWC Circle of Hope Scholarships and CWC Dick Dennison Memorial Scholarship also award a graduating senior scholarship in each of the following schools: Grapevine High School, Colleyville Heritage High School, Lawrence D. Bell High School, Bridges Accelerated Learning Center and Carroll Senior High School. Applications are available in these schools' counseling offices. **Deadline for application: Friday February 20, 2009**

For information on these programs or for questions concerning this application, please contact:

1. Nancy Coplen, Youth Recognition Chair 817.545.5145
2. Colleyville Woman's Club
 - Office (Hot Line): 817.416.3000
 - Fax: 817.251.5482
 - Website: www.c-w-c.org
 - Email: info@c-w-c.org

III. Statement of Disclosure:

The information provided in this document will be disclosed only to the Colleyville Woman's Club as required to discuss your eligibility for an award. The information will be available only to qualified people who need to see it in the course of their duties.

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could otherwise jeopardize consideration of this application.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Completed application packets must be received or postmarked **On or Before Friday February 20, 2009**, to one of the following:

Nancy Coplen, Youth Recognition Chair
4803 Queensbury Way
Colleyville, TX 76034

OR

Colleyville Woman's Club
PO Box 181
Colleyville, TX 76034

Student Photo Release Form

As parent/guardian of _____ (Print child's full name),
I hereby grant permission to Colleyville Woman's Club to use my child's photograph for publicity purposes in promoting the Colleyville Woman's Club Spirit of Youth Volunteerism Grant, in its official publications, or in other promotional print and electronic publications without further consideration. I acknowledge CWC's right to crop or treat the photograph at its discretion.

Should Colleyville Woman's Club nominate my child for any award outside of its own organization, I hereby grant permission to Colleyville Woman's Club to use my child's photograph with its nominations. I therefore agree to indemnify and hold harmless from any claims the Colleyville Woman's Club, its members and members of the Youth Recognition Service Awards committee.

(Signature of parent/guardian)

(Print parent/guardian name here)

(Date)

Attach Photograph Here
with minimal
double-sided scotch tape

DO NOT STAPLE OR GLUE

*(prefer no larger than 2½" by
3½")*

**No ink jet or laser print
photos accepted**

Mark photo on back in
FELT TIP pen (no ballpoint)
with name and phone number

