**Soroptimist International of North & West Vancouver**

**EmpowHER Dreams Award**

*Soroptimist International of North & West Vancouver is offering a new award called* ***EmpowHER Dreams Award*** *to help single women living on their own (conditions apply), to pursue a post secondary education at a community college, university, or equivalent educational institution. The applicants must have a demonstrated financial need, scholastic potential, and evidence to pursue post secondary education.*

*This is an educational cash award recipients may use to offset costs associated with their efforts to attain an education, including books, tuition, transportation, etc.*

*The EmpowHER Dreams Award is intended for single women who, for whatever reason, find that are in need of a high school diploma, or are new to Canada and must improve their English education to enter the workforce. It also focuses on women who find themselves lacking in the qualifications required to find a better career, and want to enter a skills-training program.*

*The* ***EmpowHER Dreams Award*** *is a* ***one-time cash award of $1,500*** *that may be used to help the recipient attain an educational goal.* ***Applications will be accepted between February 1 and March 31 of each year*** *and the successful recipient will be notified by the end of April.*

*This Reference Form is to be filled in by a person not related to the applicant. The purpose of the form is to focus on aspects of the applicant's personal qualities, such as their work ethic, integrity and reliability and what qualifies them for the opportunity for which they are applying.*

*Please fill out the form and return it via email to the applicant.*

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**Reference Form**

Name of the Applicant Click or tap here to enter text.

Please use your personal knowledge of this candidate to respond to the following questions:

1. How long have you known the candidate, and in what capacity (employer, school instructor, friend etc.)?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Please rate the candidate in the following areas based upon your knowledge of her achievements and strengths by checking the appropriate line.

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|  | Strongly Disagree | Mostly Disagree | Somewhat Agree | Mostly Agree | Strongly Agree | Don’t Know |
| The applicant is motivated |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| The applicant has demonstrated a strong sense of responsibility |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| The applicant has demonstrated strength in character |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| The applicant has clear goals |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| The applicant would be an inspiration to others |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

1. Please tell us what you believe to be the candidate’s particular strengths in her personal, educational, or professional life. Be as specific as you can, and give examples of particular accomplishments.

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. What is your knowledge of the candidate’s educational goals, and her progress toward achieving these goals? Consider any barriers or difficulties she has overcome.

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Is there any additional information we should know about this applicant in regard to this award program?

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Completed by:**

(Please email completed reference form to the applicant for submission with her application.)

Click or tap here to enter text. Click or tap here to enter text.

Name Date

Click or tap here to enter text. Click or tap here to enter text.

Title Organization

Click or tap here to enter text.

Address

Click or tap here to enter text. Click or tap here to enter text.

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