

Women's Association of Hilton Head Islandⁱ

2021-2022 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 2022 and who fit this criterion of service are encouraged to apply for this \$1,000 cash award.

Participating senior applicants must submit a completed application to their respective guidance counselor no later than **Tuesday, March 1, 2022**. A committee member will pick up completed applications from the Guidance Office by March 4, 2022. Presentations will be made at WAHHI's April 7, 2022 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

- Application forms are available from the student's guidance counselor or online at WAHHI.org.
- Completed applications may be submitted in person to the student's guidance counselor. Virtual students should copy their counselor when submitting via email to youthawards@wahhi.org.
- Applicants will need to provide personal and educational information (pages 3 and 4).
- Applicants will need to complete a descriptive essay of 300-1,000 words (see page 7).
- Applicants will need to provide at least two letters of recommendation. One must be from a school representative and one from a representative of a community-based service organization (see pp. 8 and 9).
- Applicants must attach a current high school transcript / list of courses and grades earned.
- Applicants must submit a list of extracurricular involvement including school / community service, academic awards or achievements, and athletic and extra-curricular involvement.
- The application, checklist and signatures (page 2 or pages 3 & 4 for home school students) must be submitted by the date listed above.
- Upon receipt from face to face students, guidance counselors will review the completed application for accuracy, complete their section of the checklist (page 2 or pages 3 & 4 for home school students), and sign.
- Guidance counselors will be contacted by a WAHHI Youth Community Service Award committee member to coordinate collection 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, and awards		
Current transcript is attached		

Important dates to remember:

Applicant Completion: **March 1, 2022**

Guidance Completion: March 4, 2022

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 School

	Applicant Checkoff	Educator Checkoff
Applicant information		
Applicant essay		
School based letter of recommendation		
Community organization letter of recommendation		
Lists of all service, activities, and awards		
Current transcript / course list with grades is attached		

Important dates to remember:

Applicant Completion: **March 1, 2022**

Guidance / Educator Completion: March 4, 2022

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 for Students Who Participate in Home School

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

___ Option 1: Home School under the South Carolina Home School Statute

- Identify the school district which has approved your application.

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

- Identify the tool used for your required annual testing.

___ Option 2: Home School 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: Home School with a Home School Association

- Identify your Home School Association.

- Provide Contact Information for Home School Contact Person

Applicant's Personal Information

Full Name: _____

School: _____

Check which learning settings / instruction formats you participate in:

____ In school - face to face

____ In school - virtual

____ Home school

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address:

Parent(s) or
Guardian(s): _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Phones: _____

Graduation Date:

Applicant's Educational Information

Names of all schools 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 a list including (1) school / community service, (2) academic awards or achievements, (3) athletic and extra-curricular involvement. All three may be on one page if they are separated by category.

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. The length of your essay should be 300 - 1,000 words.

- 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 an administrator, coach, counselor or teacher. 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 2021-2022 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 may 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.

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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.

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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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