

Women's Association of Hilton Head Island

2022-2023 Youth Community Service Awards

Eligibility

This annual award is presented to graduating seniors who have performed significant service to both their school and community throughout their high school years. Students from the following high schools who will graduate in the spring of 2023 and meet this criterion of service are encouraged to apply for this \$1,000 cash award.

- Bluffton High School
- Cross Schools
- Heritage Academy
- Hilton Head Island High School
- Hilton Head Preparatory School
- Hilton Head Christian Academy
- John Paul II Catholic School
- May River High School
- Students who reside in Bluffton or Hilton Head Island, SC and
 - ___ Option 1: Home School under the South Carolina Home School Statute
 - ___ Option 2: Home School with the SC Association of Independent Home Schools
 - ___ Option 3: Home School with a Home School Association

Application Process

- Application forms are available from high school guidance counselors and online at <https://wahhi.org/philanthropy/youth-community-service-awards/>.
- Applicants must submit a completed application to their respective guidance counselor or youthawards@wahhi.org no later than **Wednesday, March 1, 2023**.
- Award winners will be notified by March 31, 2023 and recognized at WAHHI's May luncheon.

The checklist below is designed to ensure that each submitted application is complete.

Required Application Components	
Applicant information and goals	
List of all high school service, activities, and awards	
Reflection on service (300 to 1,000 words)	
One recommendation from school personnel	
One recommendation from a community organization representative	
Copy of applicant's current transcript	
Applicant affirmation	
Guidance counselor affirmation	

Applicant Affirmation

I, _____, a student at _____ (print name of high school) affirm that all information submitted in this packet is accurate and truthful.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Guidance Counselor Affirmation

I, _____, a guidance counselor at _____ (print name of high school) affirm to the best of my knowledge that all information submitted in this packet is accurate and truthful.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Applicant Information and Goals

Full Name: _____

High School: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

School Email Address: _____

Educational Goals: What schooling or occupational training is in your future after high school? Please include any school(s) and area(s) of study you hope to pursue and why you are interested in this path. *(300 words max)*

Career Goals: What do you see yourself doing after finishing your education/training? Why are you interested in this professional path? *(300 words max)*

Activities

Please use this page to list your involvement in the following areas throughout high school:

(1) School and Community Service

(2) Academic Awards / Achievements

(3) Athletic and Extra-curricular Involvement

Reflection on Service

In 300 to 1,000 words, please provide a descriptive account of WHEN you got involved in performing service activities at school and in the community, WHY you chose these particular service activities and organizations, WHAT you experienced and learned through your service, and WHAT service means to you.

School Representative Letter of Recommendation

Attention Applicant: This letter may come from an administrator, coach, counselor, or teacher at your high school.

_____ [insert applicant's name here], a student at
_____ [insert high school here] is applying to be considered for the 2022-
2023 Youth Community Service Award presented annually by the Women's Association of Hilton Head
Island (WAHHI) to local high school seniors who have provided outstanding service and assistance to
their schools and community.

Please provide a copy of this page to the person from whom you are requesting a letter of recommendation.

Attention Recommender: You may submit a letter of recommendation for the WAHHI Youth Community Service Awards on behalf of more than one student from your school. **On a separate page**, please provide information that you believe makes this student a worthy candidate. Keep in mind that the WAHHI Youth Community Service Awards Committee is primarily interested in applicants' service to their school and community.

Recommender's Name: _____

Recommender's Title/Position at the Applicant's School: _____

Recommender's Phone Number: _____

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

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

Attention Applicant: *This letter may come from a representative of a community-based service organization.*

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_____ [insert high school here] is applying to be considered for the 2022-
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Please provide a copy of this page to the person from whom you are requesting a letter of recommendation.

Attention Recommender: *You may submit a letter of recommendation for the WAHHI Youth Community Service Awards on behalf of more than one applicant who volunteered with your organization. Please keep in mind that the WAHHI Youth Community Service Awards Committee is primarily interested in applicants' service to their school and community. **On a separate page**, we invite you to provide information that you believe makes this applicant a worthy candidate, including the quantity and quality of service they contributed as well as their philosophy and drive toward giving to others.*

Recommender's Name: _____

Recommender's Title/Position within the Organization: _____

Recommender's Phone Number: _____

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