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Outstanding Community Service Recognition Award

The **Riverside Junior Woman's Charity (RJWC)** will recognize a female graduating high school senior who is either a Riverside resident or a Cook County resident recommended by an active, associate, or honorary member of RJWC and has demonstrated an outstanding level of community service activity through out her high school career. Hours of service to the school, through school organizations and school-sponsored activities, and/or hours of service given in the community through civic, fraternal, or religious organizations will all be considered in the determination of the award recipient.

Qualifications

1. The recipient will be a graduating member of the senior class, in good standing, with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (4.0 scale) and applying to an accredited college program.
2. The recipient must be a female and meet one of the following two requirements:
 - a. Applicant is a resident of Riverside, Illinois
 - b. Applicant is a resident of Cook County recommended for consideration by an active, associate, or honorary member of RJWC (include letter of recommendation from RJWC member with completed application)
3. The scholarship must be used towards tuition during the following year of student's graduation (Academic year 2012-13).
4. The recipient will have demonstrated an outstanding and exceptional amount of community service through school service projects and/or community based service projects and organizations.
5. The recipient will have demonstrated leadership qualities by serving in a leadership or coordinating capacity for one or more of their school and/or community service projects.

In general, RJWC prefers to recognize a student who has consistently given time to school and/or community service projects through out their high school years over a student who has given a large number of hours to a single service project or event.

Application Process

1. Complete the attached application form
2. Have an adult complete the attached referral form and return to you. This reference should be from someone who has overseen or been involved with your volunteer efforts and who is not a relative of the applicant.
3. Return the completed forms and corresponding documentation **via email:** scholarship@riversidejuniors.org **no later than March 9, 2012.**
4. If necessary, the applicant may be asked to meet with the RJWC scholarship committee for an interview.
5. Applicants will be notified of final decision approximately the week of April 30, 2012.
6. A check for \$1,500.00 will be sent directly to the recipient's chosen college or institution.