

SI Awards Descriptions:

With the approval of our foundation and your club, the Student Awards committee will be able to award **\$11,400** this year to deserving young women in the community through our different awards-scholarships.

A brief description of each award/scholarship and deadlines follows:

Making a difference for Women Award honors women who, through their professional or personal efforts, are making extraordinary differences in the lives of women or girls. Honorees are women who have worked to improve the lives of other women or girls. Their work has had a significant impact, and also inspires and encourages other women. If you know of a woman fitting this description, please nominate them for this award. Deadline is **December 1**. See Carol Kerkow for applications.

The **Women's Opportunity Award** (WOA) provides opportunity for women head-of-households who are re-entering the work force seeking either an undergraduate degree or a skills training program and can demonstrate financial need. We will be awarding a first place winner at \$2,000 and a second place winner at \$1,000. Deadline for applications is **December 15**. They will be available at CBC through the Financial Aid office (Janet O'Neill), and WSU..

The **Pro-Tech Award** presents an opportunity to women who are seeking a technical degree or certificate, other than an academic degree in any of the trade fields. It might be in nursing, trades, hair styling, or other technical field. Two winners will be selected; a first place at \$2,000 and a second place winner at \$1,000. Deadline for applications is **December 15**. Applications will be available at CBC through the Women's Resource Center and at the Financial Aid office (Janet O'Neill). Applications will also be available at Claire's Beauty School in Pasco. If you have any additional ideas for places for applications to be distributed please contact Carol Kerkow. The winners of both these awards are eligible for further consideration at the regional and federation level in early 2007.

The **Fellowship Award** provides opportunity for women established in business or one of the professions; conducts her business or profession competently and according to ethical standards; holds a Bachelor's or Master's degree and presents a plan of worthwhile postgraduate study leading to an advanced degree, standing or competence in her business and profession. Applications will be available through the WSU branch campus in Richland. A first place winner of \$1,500 will be awarded. Deadline for applications is **January 15**. The winner of this award will receive further consideration at the regional level.

The **Helen Cox Business Award** rewards a woman currently pursuing an undergraduate degree, accepted into a business or business related major with at least a Jr. standing. Criteria for the Helen Cox scholarship is an exceptional woman accepted into a business or accounting related major (Jr. standing) who has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities and presents a plan

to maximize her career potential. A first place winner at \$2,500 will be selected. Deadline for applications is **January 15**.

In addition, our club sponsors the **Violet Richardson (Honoring Young Women)** for young women who provide exemplary volunteer work in their communities, schools, churches, etc. A cash award of \$400 is awarded to one young lady in the 14-17 age group. Deadline for applications is **December 1**. Violet Richardson applications will be available through area high schools, and some area churches. If you know of a deserving young lady between the ages of 14-17 who you think would be a good candidate please contact Carol Kerkow for an application.

Thank you for your help and support! With it we give women in our community an opportunity to better their lives and their families and ultimately make a difference in the community we all live in.

Soroptimist International Pasco-Kennewick also sponsors the **Theater Arts Award** for an academically deserving young woman in the arts-drama department at CBC. The award amount is \$1000.
