



## *The D.K. "Rose" Award*

The goal of Soroptimist International of the Americas is to remove obstacles for and to empower women by providing access to education. The DK Rose Award is a newly established award from SI Kingman. Through the generosity of the Donna Kowalske Trust, we received the seed money to begin this award. Our goal is to give \$1,000 (or more) annually to a woman or women who may not be head of household but are seeking educational advancement in order to forward their career, improve employment opportunities or improve compensation in the workforce. This woman MAY be married and raising a family (or not) or she MAY be a single woman who has no dependents but is struggling to achieve her education goals.

Donna Kowalske was born 10/29/1936 in Fond Du Lac, WI and passed away in Kingman January 11, 2021. She was an active member of our community. She was especially fond of Soroptimist and served as President from 1970-1971. She and her husband Dave were owners of the Kingman Rose Garden. She was no stranger to adversity. During her 50 years of perfect attendance at SI Kingman meetings, Donna lost her daughter in a tragic accident, her husband to illness and her son to mental illness. She herself suffered from chronic pain, and survived cancer twice, yet she kept her generous heart. Donna volunteered hours in her church, the Mohave Museum, Kingman High school, local nursing homes, the Kingman area food bank, the Mohave County Fair, the Senior Center, Special Olympics and many others. She made quilts for the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing and 9/11. She was instrumental in chartering S Club at KHS, obtaining a \$10K grant for the "Quiet Room" at the KAAP shelter, and raising \$30K for Fire Safety House in memory of her daughter Wendy Marie. She was awarded the "Humanitarian of the Year" Award in 2007 and "Lifetime Achiever" in 2011. She was recognized as a "Woman Making History" in 2012 for her many hours of volunteerism. In later years she loved working puzzles and collecting favorite quotes and sayings.

*"If I could give you one thing in life, I would give you the ability to see yourself through my eyes. Only then would you realize how special you are."*

*Love, Donna*

# *The D.K. "Rose" Award Application*

## **Instructions:**

Applications for this award are due (postmarked) each year by **March 15** to the address shown below. This award will be given during the month of April to the selected recipient(s).

Your application will be reviewed by a panel of judges, but all information will remain confidential and will not be shared without your prior permission.

## **Eligibility:**

You are eligible for this award if you:

- ✓ are seeking educational advancement in order to forward your career, improve employment opportunities or improve compensation in the workforce.
- ✓ are enrolled in or have been accepted to a vocational/skills training program or undergraduate, graduate or advanced degree program. Please attach a tuition receipt copy, report card with grades or transcript, or letter from your instructor as proof of enrollment.
- ✓ are motivated to achieve your education and career goals.
- ✓ are a current resident of Kingman or Golden Valley, Arizona.
- ✓ have not previously been the recipient of the Soroptimist DK Rose award.
- ✓ are not a Soroptimist member or Soroptimist immediate family member.
- ✓ have a Social Security number or Tax ID number (required for tax purposes).  
You will not be asked to provide this information unless you are an Award Recipient.

## **Complete the Attached Application:**

Provide the requested information on the application. Be sure to attach additional sheets as necessary to provide complete information for our judging panel.

## **References:**

You will need at least two different people - who are not related to you - to complete the attached reference forms. These should be people that know you from an education or work setting. Please request they use the forms; do not submit reference letters. These completed forms will need to be attached to complete your application.

## **Submit your Application:**

Once your application is complete along with the two reference forms and copy of your first page of IRS annual tax return (for income verification), send it to the following address. Please note, it must be signed, dated and post-marked by **March 15**. *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

<b>Soroptimist International of Kingman</b> <b>Attention: DK Rose Committee</b> <b>P.O. Box 3393, Kingman, AZ 86402</b>
---

### **Questions may be directed to:**

Dianne Haydon Ekstrom	<a href="mailto:1chiro@citlink.net">1chiro@citlink.net</a>	<b>928-308-5611</b>
Shay Givans	<a href="mailto:grizshay@gmail.com">grizshay@gmail.com</a>	<b>928-279-6761</b>

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Marital Status:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Children:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Annual Income:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Monthly Income:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Monthly Expenses:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Experience:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Veteran/Branch of Service/# Years** \_\_\_\_\_

**Extracurricular Activities that you are involved in:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Education Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you currently furthering your education?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of School or training program you are attending or have been accepted to:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe challenges that you have faced or are facing or have overcome and how:**

**Please share your goals - personal / education / career / other:**

**What obstacles have you encountered in achieving these goals:**

**Once you have achieved your goal, how will you "Pay it Forward?"**

---

---

---

---

**Provide information regarding your need for these funds as well as how the funds will be utilized:**

---

---

---

**Additional comments regarding this application:**

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are approximately 20 lines visible. The paper appears to be a standard notebook page or a sheet of stationery. There is no handwriting or other markings on the page.

**By signing your name below, you certify that all information provided in the application is complete and accurate to the best of your knowledge.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Alternate Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist for application requirements:**

☐ **Personal Reference Forms (2) / Signed - Attached**

☐ Copy of first page of IRS annual tax return attached (income verification)

# The D.K. "Rose" Award Application Reference Form

Thank you for agreeing to provide a reference for:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Applicant)

**Please use your personal knowledge of the applicant to respond to the following questions:**

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the applicant in the following areas, based upon your knowledge of her achievements and strengths.

	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Mostly Disagree</u>	<u>Somewhat Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
The applicant has clear goals.	1	2	3	4	5	6
The applicant is motivated to achieve these goals.	1	2	3	4	5	6
The applicant has demonstrated that she is responsible.	1	2	3	4	5	6
The applicant would be an inspiration to others.	1	2	3	4	5	6

What do you believe to be the applicant's particular strengths in her personal, educational or professional life? Give examples of specific accomplishments.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What is your knowledge of the applicant's educational goals and her progress toward achieving these goals? Consider any challenges or difficulties she has overcome.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Is there any additional information we should know about the applicant in considering her as this Award Recipient?

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

Thank you for completing this form; other forms (such as a letter) will not be considered as part of the application. However, you may attach an additional sheet with comments if necessary. Please return the completed form back to the applicant for submission. Reference forms must be submitted by the applicant along with her application to Soroptimist International of Kingman.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

# The D.K. "Rose" Award Application Reference Form

Thank you for agreeing to provide a reference for: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Applicant)

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

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

Please rate the applicant in the following areas, based upon your knowledge of her achievements and strengths.

	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Mostly Disagree</u>	<u>Somewhat Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
The applicant has clear goals.	1	2	3	4	5	6
The applicant is motivated to achieve these goals.	1	2	3	4	5	6
The applicant has demonstrated that she is responsible.	1	2	3	4	5	6
The applicant would be an inspiration to others.	1	2	3	4	5	6

What do you believe to be the applicant's particular strengths in her personal, educational or professional life? Give examples of specific accomplishments.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What is your knowledge of the applicant's educational goals and her progress toward achieving these goals? Consider any challenges or difficulties she has overcome.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Is there any additional information we should know about the applicant in considering her as this Award Recipient?

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

Thank you for completing this form; other forms (such as a letter) will not be considered as part of the application. However, you may attach an additional sheet with comments if necessary. Please return the completed form back to the applicant for submission. Reference forms must be submitted by the applicant along with her application to Soroptimist International of Kingman.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_