



Voices of Women

VOICE AWARD CRITERIA AND APPLICATION FORM

Dear Applicant/Nominator,

You are invited to submit an application for this year's Voice Award. The Voice Award is presented annually in recognition of entities that advance VOW's mission of education and empowerment of women and children in dire need of advocacy.

The *Voice Awards* are given in a three-year cycle, starting in 2009 with Service. (Applicants must submit an application during that particular awarding year in order to be eligible; for example, applicants for the Voice Award for Artistic Works will begin in October 2009 and end in 2010 and will be picked up again in 2012). This cycle and the criteria for each award are as follows:

Year One: **Voice Award for Service**—In this year, VOW honors the work of a person or of a nonprofit organization that reflects VOW's message and mission.

Criteria:

- Must be able to prove their nonprofit status and be in good financial and public standing.
- Must positively affect local, national and/or global change.
- Must contribute to the disadvantaged and/or disenfranchised concerning issues pertaining to women and children.

Year Two: **Voice Award for Artistic Works**—In this year, VOW honors a work or body of work of theatrical significance and/or an artistic production, which includes films and documentaries. The work must reflect VOW's message and mission.

Criteria:

- Can be written at any time; however, the production must be performed within the three year cycle of this particular Voice Award so that the committee has the opportunity to view it.
- Foreign productions must have English subtitles, translations, etc. in order for the committee to understand and access them.
- Must provide appropriate compensation for performers.
- Must clearly include the voice of women either as subject matter or production effort.

Year Three: **Voice Award for Literature**—In this year, VOW honors a work of literature, which includes fiction, nonfiction, poetry, or prose, that reflects VOW's message and mission.

Criteria:

- Can be in a foreign language but there must be a comparable English translation.
- Must advance the voice of an underrepresented entity or voice awareness of a problem or concern directly affecting women and/or children.

General Criteria for Voice Award:

- (1) In order to apply for any of the Voice Awards or in order to be nominated for this award, the work must adhere to the above description as well as reflect VOW's mission. As such, the work in question must serve the following purposes:
 - Educate ourselves and others on global issues and U.S. foreign policy.
 - Advance the cause for nonmilitary solutions to global conflict.
 - Lead in a worldwide campaign for peace.
 - Bring attention to the cause of humanitarian service
- (2) Award money must be awarded to a non-profit organization chosen by award recipient, paid directly by VOW and subject to VOW Board approval. VOW's bylaws and Policies and Procedures require verification of legitimacy of non-profit organizations.
 - Award monies will be dispersed to recipient's chosen non-profit within two-weeks of the Beyond Borders Benefit.
 - Voices Award Certificate will be awarded during the Beyond Borders Benefit – Voices Award Ceremony.
- (3) Recipients and/or Representatives must be able to attend the "Beyond Borders Benefit."
- (4) Recipients must publicly acknowledge VOW for the award on their websites or other available publicity vehicles.
- (5) All applications and nominations must be postmarked by or received by midnight on June 30th of that year. No late entries will be accepted.

"These criteria are subject to amendment according to VOW's Policies and Procedures and any limitations (especially legal) advised by the Artist or Artists."

Please include the following with your application packet:

- (1) **Cover Sheet.**
- (2) **One page narrative describing why the applicant deserves the award. Please describe the summary of your work and its humanitarian intent. (Please review VOW's website and Awards Criteria.)**
- (3) **Maximum of three reference letters or reviews.**
- (4) **If you are submitting an application for:**
 - **Service, please provide materials such as brochures that detail your programs, your mission, your outreach and effectiveness. Make sure to include your website if applicable.**
 - **Literature, please provide two copies of the work.**
 - **Artistic Works, please submit at least two tickets to the production/film as well. In lieu of tickets to a live performance, a copy of the filmed production can be submitted for productions/films not currently accessible at time of submission.**



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VOICE AWARD NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PACKET

COVER SHEET

Date of Submission: _____
Name of Applicant: _____
If Applicable, Name of Person Nominating: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
Name of Organization: _____
Applicant's Address: _____

Applicant's Phone Number: _____
Applicant's Email Address: _____
Website: _____

Indicate which Award you are applying for:

___ **2010: Voice Award for Artistic Works**
___ **2011: Voice Award for Literature**
___ **2012: Voice Award for Service**

Provide information about the non-profit entity to which you wish to receive your Voice award monies including website and direct contact information.

Organization: _____
Website: _____
Other Information: _____

*****Submit narrative, references, and requested materials along with this Cover Sheet.**

Send application to Voices of Women:

Voices of Women, 8677 Villa La Jolla Drive, #1214, La Jolla, CA 92037
OR email to virginialoh@cs.com with "VOW Voice Award" in subject line.
Deadline: Must be postmarked or received by midnight on June 30th.

About Voices of Women:

Founded on October 17, 2001 in response to the events of 9/11, Voices of Women (VOW) presents programs that raise awareness of global issues. Through its fundraising efforts, VOW has assisted organizations such as Save the Children, Women for Women International, the United Nations Association of San Diego, and Wheelchairs for Israel/Palestine. In addition, VOW's contributions have enabled a woman peacemaker in Uganda to continue her work, bought school supplies in Afghanistan, and supported a micro-credit program in India. As an education resource, VOW invites speakers from around the world to San Diego, providing an open forum to speak freely about women's issues and economic conditions in their part of the world. VOW has 501c3 status. For more information and to become a member of VOW, please visit www.voicesofwomen.org

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