

# **APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION**

## **Application Instructions**

Thank you for your interest in joining Women on the Rise Telling HerStory (WORTH) as a recipient of the Susan Hallett Reentry Award! Please review and complete the information in this application and return it to us as soon as possible.

## **APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 20, 2011**

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- Demonstrated interest in working with women who have been impacted by the prison industrial complex.
- Demonstrated interest in women's issues, particularly those related to women's reentry issues
- Previous incarceration and/or history of conflict with the law a must.
- Volunteering for WORTH for 60 hours over a 3-month time period

*We encourage individuals of diverse backgrounds, in terms of gender, race, culture, sexuality, class and other backgrounds to apply. We are strongly committed to bringing a team together that possesses a diversity of voices, opinions, experiences and perspectives.*

Please respond thoughtfully and thoroughly to all questions. **Application Deadline is September 20, 2011.** Interviews will be conducted during the first week of October. The awardee will be notified by October 12th.

**Your receipt of the Susan Hallett Reentry Award requires that you are able to volunteer 60 hours over a 3-month time period.**

## **About Susan Hallett**



Susan Hallett was one of the founding members of WORTH. While still incarcerated at Bedford Hills, Susan secured WORTH's initial funding from Bedford's Long Termers' Committee. Upon her release, Susan secured a paralegal position at the Legal Action Center where she worked as a fierce legal advocate for ten years until her demise. Susan helped thousands of formerly incarcerated people take the steps necessary to overcome hurdles to reentry. Susan also served as the program analyst for Legal Action Center's national project, National **H**elping **I**ndividuals with criminal records **R**eenter through **E**mployment (H.I.R.E.) Network, which aims to increase employment opportunities for people with criminal records. She helped create a comprehensive Resource and Assistance web page that has been visited by millions of individuals who seek resources and help in their state.

Susan gave effective, meaningful advice and counsel on everything from employment discrimination to sealing of records. She also trained advocates and peers on rap sheet and reentry-related topics, and was much in demand as a speaker. She conceived of and was the main force in creating Legal Action Center's DVD, [Your Rights, Your Future](#), which is geared to helping incarcerated people learn their rights and make plans for what to expect "on the outside."

Susan not only encouraged people who sought help to do what they could for themselves, she also taught them how to find the strength to make that happen. Her compassion and talent came both from personal experience with the criminal justice system, and from the heart.

**You must submit the following to be considered for participation in this delegation:**

- 1) A completed application (attached)
- 2) One referral
- 3) Resume
- 4) Photo

**Please direct all questions, completed applications, and supporting materials to:**

Women on the Rise Telling HerStory (WORTH)  
171 East 122 Street, 2R  
New York, NY 10035  
info@weareworthit.org

**APPLICATIONS CAN BE HAND-DELIVERED OR E-MAILED**

**Personal Information**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Permanent Address (if you are not sure of your address upon release, do you have a family member that we can contact to pass information to you? If so, please list their contact information)

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ IM Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Gender Pronoun \_\_\_\_\_

Languages and Proficiency \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about this program?

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Please answer the following questions honestly and concisely: Attach an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

- 1) Please provide us with a one paragraph description of yourself, including any relevant personal information and your background. (500 word maximum)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) Why are you interested in receiving the Susan Hallett Reentry Award? What do you hope to gain?



## **Volunteer opportunities:**

### *Outreach:*

- *Make reminder phone calls to WORTH members and prospective members*
- *Correspond with sisters inside*
- *Send out reminder e-mails about meetings*
- *Community outreach*

### *Advocacy*

- *Research advocacy dates & events for monthly WORTH calendar*
- *Send out reminder e-mails about meetings and e-mails about resources*
- *Attend general and support meetings*
- *Give testimony (share your personal experiences) when advocating to get legislation passed*
- *Help organize advocacy days*
- *Attend advocacy days*
- *Attend Community Service Society roundtables*

### *Administrative*

- *Develop activities & events for children of WORTH members and community members*
- *Make copies*
- *General administrative/ office management*

**In addition to the Susan Hallett Reentry Award, the recipient, upon successful completion of her volunteer hours, can choose from one of the following:**

- computer netbook (\$200-\$250)
- paying for another certified training of your choosing (not to exceed \$250)
- \$250 Pathmark card
- Camera + photo printer
- Shopping spree at Macy's (not to exceed \$250)
- Shopping spree @ Gap or Old Navy (not to exceed \$250)
- Game Stop gift card (not to exceed \$250)
- Bed, Bath & Beyond gift card (not to exceed \$250)
- Furniture outlet—Ikea, Pier 1, Bob's Furniture (not to exceed \$250)