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Zonta Club of Gaylord Area Young Women in Public Affairs Award Applications Available

Gaylord, Michigan, January 11, 2012... Applications for the 2012 Young Women in Public Affairs Award are now available from the Zonta Club of Gaylord Area.

The goal of the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Program is to encourage more young women to participate in public affairs by recognizing a young woman's commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women.

Applicants are asked to reflect on their voluntary commitment to their school and to their community and the problems limiting the advancement of the status of women in their own country and worldwide. The Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs program looks to the young women of today for the leaders of tomorrow.

Applications can be obtained from area high school counselors or by contacting the Zonta Club of Gaylord Area at info@GaylordZonta.org. Applications are due on or before March 1, 2012 to: Zonta Club of Gaylord Area, PO Box 2203, Gaylord MI 49734 or info@GaylordZonta.org. Applicants must be of age 16-19 and living or studying in a Zonta district/region at the time of application.

The winning application from the Gaylord Club will be submitted to Zonta International District 15 to compete for a \$1,000.00 Award. Each district will then submit to the Zonta International YWPA Committee to compete for one of five \$3,000.00 Awards. Excerpts for the recipients' essays may be printed in *The Zontian* magazine and/or on the Zonta International website, or used for other Zonta International promotion purposes.

Zonta International, with world headquarters in Oak Brook, IL, USA, is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. The Young Women in Public Affairs Award is one of many programs for women and girls sponsored by Zonta International. The Award is funded by voluntary contributions to the Zonta International Foundation YWPA fund. For more information visit www.Zonta.org, www.Zonta15.org, or www.GaylordZonta.org.