

# **Young Women in Public Affairs**

## **2012 APPLICATION**



**Zonta International**  
*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

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*A Zonta International Program, Funded by the Zonta International Foundation*

## **General Information**

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

In order for more women to be represented in key decision making positions worldwide, we must encourage young women to pursue careers, or seek leadership positions in public policy making, government and volunteer organizations and further their education with these aims in view.

Public affairs refer to all aspects of community life where decisions have to be made about issues which relate to and affect those communities in which they work and live.

## **The Awards**

Zonta Clubs usually provide awards for Club recipients. District recipients receive US\$1,000. Five International recipients are selected from the District recipients to receive awards of US\$3,000 each. District and International awards are funded by the Zonta International Foundation.

## **Who is Eligible?**

Women of age 16-19 and living or studying in a Zonta district/region at the time the application is submitted to the district and demonstrate evidence of the following, are eligible to apply.

- ❑ Active commitment to volunteerism.
- ❑ Experience in local or student government.
- ❑ Volunteer leadership achievements.
- ❑ Knowledge of Zonta International and its programs.
- ❑ Advocating in Zonta International's mission of advancing the status of women worldwide.

## **Application Requirements**

- ❑ Completion of the official application (may be printed or downloaded from the Zonta International website, [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)).
- ❑ Verification of current enrollment by school official.
- ❑ Two confidential recommendations from adults, not related to the applicant, such as teachers, school officials or community leaders.

Supporting documentation not requested will not be considered. All applications and supporting information become the property of Zonta International. Zonta International has final authority over any aspect of the Awards.

## Application process

The application process must start with a Zonta Club. All application materials must be received at a Zonta Club by the printed deadline. If you downloaded the application, you must contact a Zonta Club for deadline information. Please locate the Zonta Club nearest you using the [Club Locator](#) at [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org), or e-mail your name and contact information to the Young Women in Public Affairs Chairman at [ywpachairman@zonta.org](mailto:ywpachairman@zonta.org).

Zonta Clubs select one application to send to the Zonta District Governors. A District Evaluating Committee reviews the applications and selects one applicant per District to submit to Zonta International Headquarters. The Zonta International YWPA Committee recommends five International recipients from the District applications to the Zonta International Board. After approval by the Zonta International Board, the Zonta International Foundation provides awards and certificates to the District and International recipients.

## Timetable

<b>Application</b> is posted on the Zonta International website ( <a href="http://www.zonta.org">www.zonta.org</a> ).....	by 1 August
Applications received by Zonta Clubs..... (Contact club for deadline)	
<b>Club</b> recipients selected and applications received by District Governor.....	by 1 April
<b>District</b> recipients selected and applications received by Zonta International Headquarters.....	by 1 May
Announcement of <b>District</b> and <b>International</b> Recipients.....	1 July

# Application for Young Women in Public Affairs Award



## Send applications and direct questions to:

Zonta Club of: \_\_\_\_\_  
c/o: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Province/Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Deadline:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last (Family) First (Given) Middle

Present Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of School currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Current year of study: \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSONAL GOALS

Please describe in short your anticipated course of study and current career interests, including whether and how you plan to be active in volunteer or community organizations. (150 words) Please provide the word count at the end of your answer.

## DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I certify that all of the information contained in my application form is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that **I did not receive assistance in completing the essay portions of this application**. I understand that, at the option of the Zonta Club sponsoring the competition, I may be interviewed as a candidate for the Young Women in Public Affairs Award. I consent to the electronic or hard copy publication by Zonta International of material in my application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

**Please answer all questions below, noting the word limit for each.** Preference will be given to those applicants who observe the word restrictions. **In evaluating applications all questions are rated in equal value.**

## **Question**

### **1. Student Activities and your leadership role**

Please include what you find most rewarding or valuable about your participation in these activities (200 words). Please provide the word count at the end of your answer.

### **2. Community Service Activities / Student Government experience or interest**

Describe the activities in which you participate that benefit your community. Please describe any local or student government experience, national or international projects and experience. (200 words) Please provide the word count at the end of your answer.

### **3. International Awareness**

Describe the activities you participate in which increase your experience, knowledge and understanding of other countries and their different customs. (150 words) Please provide the word count at the end of your answer.

### **4. Status of Women in your Country and Worldwide**

Describe your experience in advocating to improve the status of women locally and worldwide. Are there any issues which hinder the improvement of women's status in your country or worldwide? Describe your ideas as to how they should be resolved. (300 words) Please provide the word count at the end of your answer.

### **Checklist to be completed by applicant:**

- Verification of current enrollment by school official
- Completed application materials, typed and in English
- Two confidential recommendations
- Applicant's Signature



## Recommendation for Young Women in Public Affairs Award

**Please return this form by:**

To Zonta club of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 c/o \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postal code, City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last (Family) Name
First
Middle

Recommendation from: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please print)
Position/Title

**Recommendation for Applicant for Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Award**

The applicant above has applied for a Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Award. Please discuss the applicant's accomplishments, motivation, potential for public service and awareness of women's and community issues. **This recommendation must be mailed directly to the address above.**



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 Postal code, City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Verification of Current Enrollment Young Women in Public Affairs Award

**Please return this form by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**To Zonta club of:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**c/o** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Postal code, City:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is currently enrolled in  
(name)

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(grade level) (name of school)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(school address)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of School Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Official School Stamp)