

Young Women in Public Affairs Awards

2014 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) Award 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/Region recipients receive US\$1,000. Ten International recipients are selected from the District/Region recipients to receive awards of US\$4,000 each. District/Region and International awards are funded by the Zonta International Foundation.

Who is Eligible?

Women of age 16-19 on 1st April each year, studying and living, or working in a Zonta district/region and demonstrate evidence of the following, are eligible to apply. Note that applicants from geographic areas where no clubs are located will be considered and also eligible to apply for the District/Region Award.

- 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).
- Verification of current enrollment by school/institute 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, or e-mail your name and contact information to the Young Women in Public Affairs Chairman at ypachairman@zonta.org.

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

Timetable

Application is posted on the Zonta International website (www.zonta.org)	by 1 August
Applications received by Zonta Clubs.....	(Contact club for deadline)
Club recipients selected and applications received by Governor/Region Representative.....	by 1 April
District/Region recipients selected and applications received by Zonta International Headquarters.....	by 1 May
Announcement of District and Region , and International Recipients.....	1 July

Application for Young Women in Public Affairs Award



Send applications and direct questions to:

Zonta Club of: _____ Naples _____
c/o: _____ YWPA Scholarships _____
Address: _____ P.O. Box 10911 _____
City/State: _____ Naples FL 34101 _____
Province/Country: _____ _____
Telephone: _____ 239-784-9499 _____
Email Address: _____ info@zonta-naples.org _____

Application Deadline: 2/15/14

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/Institute 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 (no more than *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. (no more than *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. (no more than *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 and worldwide? Describe your ideas as to how they should be resolved. (no more than *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/institute 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: Naples
c/o YWPA Scholarship
Address: P.O. Box 10911
Postal code, City: Naples FL 34101
Fax: info@zonta-naples.org

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.**



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/Institute: _____

I certify that _____ is currently enrolled in
(name)

_____ at _____
(grade level) (name of school/institute currently attending)

(address of school/institute currently attending)

_____ Date _____ Signature of School/Institute Official

(Official School/Institute Stamp)