

Young Women in Public Affairs

2012 APPLICATION



Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

Young Women in Public Affairs

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

The Zonta Club of Joliet will provide two awards. The first place scholarship recipient will receive \$1000 and two second place recipients will each receive \$750. The first place recipient will be forwarded on to the District level for review. One District recipient will receive \$1,000. Five International recipients are selected from the District recipients to receive awards of \$3,000 each.

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 Joliet Zonta website, www.jolietzonta.com).
- ❑ 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

All application materials must be received by the Zonta Club of Joliet by February 27, 2012.

The Zonta Club of Joliet will 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.

Application for Young Women in Public Affairs Award



Send applications and direct questions to:

Zonta Club of: Joliet
c/o: Pat Fera
Address: P.O. Box 598
City/State: Minooka, IL
Province/Country: 60447
Telephone: 815-953-0519
Email Address: patfera@aol.com

Application Deadline: Feb. 27, 2012

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

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 c/o Pat Fera
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 Fax: email: patfera@aol.com

Applicant: _____
Last (Family) Name
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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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Verification of Current Enrollment Young Women in Public Affairs Award

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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)