



Zonta Club of Joliet Area
Member of Zonta International
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

**Young Women in Public Affairs Award
2012 APPLICATION**

***A Zonta International Program, Funded by the Zonta International Foundation
and the Zonta Club of Joliet***

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 and political life by recognizing a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women.

The Award

The Zonta Club of Joliet offers three awards – one (1) \$1,000 - 1st Place and two (2) \$750 – 2nd Place. The 1st Place recipient will be forwarded to the District level for consideration of an additional \$1,000 award. Five International recipients will be selected from the District recipients to receive awards of \$3,000 each. District and International awards are funded by the Zonta International Foundation.

Who is Eligible?

Women who are pre-university or pre-college students (age 16-19) at the time of application and demonstrate:

- Evidence of active commitment to volunteerism.
- Evidence of volunteer leadership achievements.
- Evidence of international awareness.
- Evidence of dedication to advancing the status of women worldwide.

How do I apply?

- Complete an official application--may be printed or downloaded from the Zonta Club of Joliet 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.

All application materials must be received by the February 27, 2012 deadline.

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Checklist for application:

- ✓ Verification of current enrollment by school official
- ✓ Two (2) confidential recommendations
- ✓ Completed application materials, typed and in English
- ✓ Applicant's Signature
- ✓ All Essay questions meet the guidelines of 150-500 words