



# Zonta Club of Joliet Area

Member of Zonta International

*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

## ***Young Women in Public Affairs Award***

**FUNDED BY THE ZONTA CLUB OF JOLIET AREA**

### **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**

One (1) local award selected from the Joliet area to receive a one-time award of \$1,000.

### **Who is Eligible?**

Applicants must be pre-university or pre-college students (age 16-20) at the time of application.

### **What are the Requirements?**

Applications must show:

- Evidence of active commitment to volunteerism.
- Evidence of volunteer leadership achievements.
- 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 Area web site: [jolietzonta.com](http://jolietzonta.com)); include, verification of current enrollment by school official, and two confidential recommendations from adults, not related to the applicant, such as teachers, school officials or community leaders. **All application materials must be received by the April 20, 2008 deadline.**

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

### **Timetable**

Application must be received by Zonta Club of Joliet Area .....	April 20, 2008
Recipient is honored at Zonta Club of Joliet Area meeting.....	May 13, 2008



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Direct questions & send applications **(by April 20, 2008)** to:

Zonta Club of Joliet Area  
Attn: Lisa Morel Las  
c/o Big Brothers Big Sisters of Will & Grundy Counties  
417 W. Taylor Street  
Joliet, Illinois 60435-6126

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### **2008 APPLICATION**

Applications may be photocopied or downloaded from [www.jolietzonta.com](http://www.jolietzonta.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last (Family)	First (Given)	Middle
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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 your anticipated course of study and current career interests, including how you plan to continue to be active in volunteer or community organizations.

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#### **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 review and release of this application to the appropriate persons of Zonta International.

\_\_\_\_\_

Date
Signature

**Question**

**Maximum Points**

**1. Student Activities**

**(20)**

Describe your student activities and the leadership role you play in them. Please include what you find most rewarding or valuable about your participation in these activities. (200 to 300 words)

**2. Community Service Activities**

**(20)**

Describe the activities in which you participate that benefit your community. Why did you select these activities? (200 to 300 words)

**3. International Awareness**

**(10)**

Describe the activities you participate in which increase your experience, knowledge and understanding of other countries. (150 to 200 words)

**4. Status of Women in the United States**

**(30)**

- a) What do you see as the most important problem(s) (*no more than two*) limiting the advancement of the status of women in the United States?
- b) What do you think could be done about it?
- c) If you had the power to make one change to help women achieve better equality, what would that change be? (300 to 500 words)

**5. Status of Women Worldwide**

**(20)**

- a) What do you see as the most important problem(s) (*no more than two*) limiting the status of women worldwide?
- b) What do you think could be done about it? Include your opinion about the role of the United Nations, other international organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGO), such as Zonta International, and/or the input of each individual woman. (300 -500 words)





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### **ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION**

Name of 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)