ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Young Women in Public Affairs Award
2020 Application

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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 young women to participate in public affairs by recognizing the candidate's commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

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

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.

The Awards

Zonta clubs usually provide awards for club recipients who later may be selected for a district/region award of. US$1,500. Ten international recipients are selected from the district/region recipients to receive additional awards of US$4,000 each. District/region and international awards are funded by the Zonta International Foundation.

Who is Eligible?

Women, aged 16-19 on 1st April each year, living in a Zonta district/region, or who are citizens of a Zonta country, who demonstrate evidence of the following, are eligible to apply.

- Active commitment to volunteerism.
- Experience in local government, student government, or workplace leadership (paid or unpaid).
- Volunteer leadership achievements.
- Knowledge of Zonta International and its programs.
- Support for Zonta International's mission of empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Note that applicants from geographic areas within a Zonta district/region where no clubs are located may apply via a Zonta e-club or directly to the district to be eligible for the district/region and international awards. Z and Golden Z club members are also eligible to apply. Classified members (club members and individuals with direct membership with Zonta International) and employees of Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation, and their family members (ancestors, descendants, adoptees, siblings, nieces or cousins, and those of their spouse or co-habiting partner), are not eligible to apply for the Awards. Previous International Young Women in Public Affairs Award recipients are not eligible to apply.

How Do I Apply?

Complete an official application in English. Please note that only typed applications will be accepted and considered. All non-English documents must be translated into English. The following documents are to be submitted in the application package.

Application Requirements

- Completion of the official application (may be downloaded from the Zonta International website, www.zonta.org).
- Verification of current enrollment by school/institute official (if applicable), or
- Letter from employer stating employment (if applicable).
- Two recommendations from adults, not related to the applicant, such as teachers, school officials/employee supervisors or community leaders, which must be sent directly to Zonta International and not through the applicant.

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 Zonta International Headquarters at programs@zonta.org.

Zonta clubs each select one application to send to the Zonta governor/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 10 international recipients from the district/region applications to the Zonta International Board. If approved by the Zonta International Board, the Zonta International Foundation provides awards and certificates to the district/region and international recipients.

How May I Use the Award Funds?

1. There are no restrictions on the use of funds.
2. Please note: If the applicant is studying at a secondary school, university or college, Zonta International is offering a "scholarship" type of *payment* to be used for tuition and/or living expenses. Please see below under Tax Considerations.
3. Recipients are not permitted to defer the YWPA Award.
4. Recipients may accept additional grants and awards from other sources.

Tax Considerations

The following considerations will help define which type of payment will fit the applicant's purposes best.

- "Award": with no restrictions for use. As an award, it is taxable income under US tax regulations. To comply with the law, all awardees will receive tax forms. Also, according to US tax regulations, 30% of the award must be withheld from awards made to non-US residents. If Zonta International is notified that there is a US tax treaty with the resident's country, the withholding will be appropriately adjusted.
- "Scholarship"; to be used for tuition, fees and materials (books, supplies and equipment) required for courses at a secondary school, college or university only. As a scholarship to be used for tuition, fees and materials, the income is tax free.
- "Scholarship": to be used for living expenses while attending a secondary school, college or university. Although tuition and related expenses are tax free, income used for living expenses is considered taxable income. Tax forms will be provided to all awardees, as required. Withholdings range from $ 0 (tax treaty), 14% (appropriate student VISA) to 30% for non-US residents.
- Supplemental awards and scholarships that are paid directly paid by a club or district will follow the tax regulations of their taxing authority.

Timetable

Application form 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/region and international recipients.....by 1 July

Application for
Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Application Deadline: March 15, 2020

Send applications and direct questions to:

Zonta Club/e-Club of: Greater Reno, NV
c/o: Joy Orlich
Address:
City/State:
Province/Country:
Telephone: 775-544-0686
Email Address: joyorlich@sbcglobal.net

Name: _____
Last (Family) First (Given) Middle

Present Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Birthdate: _____ Birthplace: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____
date/month/year (city/country)

Name and Address of School/Institute currently attending (if applicable): _____

Current year of study (if applicable): _____

Name and Address of Employer (if applicable): _____

Select at least one type of payment that you are applying for (See How May I Use These Award Funds and Tax Implications) ☐ Award with no restrictions ☐ Scholarship for tuition ☐ Scholarship for living expenses

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.

Please answer all questions below, noting the word limit for each. In evaluating applications, all questions are rated in equal value.

Question

1. Activities related to your school/workplace. Please include (a) your leadership experience, and (b) 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. Activities not related to your school/workplace. Describe the activities in which you participate as a volunteer that benefit other causes and any leadership roles you have had in those activities.
Please include with these activities a description of any experience in local government, international, or other projects *(*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

Describe your experience in empowering women through service and advocacy. Are there any issues which hinder women's empowerment in your country? Describe your ideas for resolving them (no more than 300 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 other than for translation into English if required for advancing to the district and international level.** 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.

☐ I confirm that I have not applied to more than one Zonta district.

☐ I confirm that I am not a family member (ancestor, descendant, adoptee, sibling, niece or cousin) of a classified member (club member or individual with direct membership with Zonta International) or a family member of a classified member's spouse or cohabiting partner, and/or employee of Zonta International.

Date

Signature (Insert image of your signature or print, sign and scan this page)

Data Protection

Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation take the security of your data seriously. We will never sell, trade or rent your personal information provided in this application to third parties. By submitting this application, you agree to the use of your data in accordance with the *Privacy Policy and Publicity Authorization Form* contained in the application documents (see page 9 of the application).

Checklist to be completed by applicant:

☐ Verification of current enrollment by school/institute official (if applicable), or
☐ Letter from employer stating employment (if applicable)
☐ Completed application materials, typed in English
☐ Two confidential recommendation letters with signatures
☐ Applicant's signature (required)

Recommendation for
Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Please return this form by:	March 15, 2020
To Zonta Club or e-Club of:	Greater Reno
c/o	Joy Orlich
Address:	
Postal code/City/State/Country:	
Fax:	
Email:	joyorlich@sbcglobal.net

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. Note that you may instead write your recommendation letter on letterhead of your choice, sign and submit with this form. **This recommendation form must be signed and submitted directly to the address above.**

_____ _____
Date Signature (Insert image of your signature or print, sign and scan this page)

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Verification of Current Enrollment
Young Women in Public Affairs Award

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To Zonta Club or e-Club of: Greater Reno
c/o Joy Orlich
Address:
Postal code/City/State/Country:
Fax:
Email: joyorlich@sbcglobal.net

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)

Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award

Privacy Policy and Publicity Authorization

Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation are committed to honoring the privacy and wishes of all of our Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award recipients at all times. In order to do this, please read the following information carefully and indicate your agreement as appropriate.

1. Most data collected by Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation is used only to help Zonta better serve its award recipients. It is our general policy to collect and store only personal information that our recipients knowingly provide. Zonta does not sell, trade, or rent your personally identifying information to third parties. Except as described in paragraph two, we take reasonable measures not to disclose personally identifying information about you.

   ☐ I have read the above paragraph and agree to the Terms and Conditions therein.

2. From time to time, Zonta International/Zonta International Foundation conducts various marketing activities to promote the YWPA Award Program. In addition, to ensure Zonta's ability to fund the Awards, the Zonta International Foundation may from time to time provide information to donors to the YWPA Award Fund about recipients of their donations. Zonta retains the right to use your name, photograph and biographical information to promote the YWPA Awards in various promotional materials, including the Zonta International website.

   ☐ I have read the above paragraph and agree to the Terms and Conditions therein.

Signature (Insert image of your signature or print, sign and scan this page) Date

Please print your name