

1964 Pine Mesa Grove
Colorado Springs, CO 80918
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YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Dear Principal or Student Adviser:

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 Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area, a local branch of the worldwide service organization, will make an award of \$1,000 available through a competitive application process. The local winner becomes eligible for an additional \$1,000 award from the Zonta District (composed of several states) and ultimately for a \$3,000 prize from Zonta International.

This program seeks to encourage secondary-school women, who are under 21 years of age, to consider careers or seek leadership positions in social policy-making, government, and volunteer organizations. We hope that you will encourage young women in your school who are active in their communities, socially and politically aware and interested in the world around them to consider applying for this award.

Enclosed are application materials. If you have any questions, please call me at 719-388-1429 or e-mail to SRoggy@comcast.net. I will also e-mail these materials to the Principal of your school for distribution to potential applicants. Applicants may also obtain materials directly from the Zonta International web site at www.zonta.org. More information about the local Zonta club can be found at www.zontapikespeak.org.

We look forward to identifying a deserving young woman from the Pikes Peak Area to receive the Young Women in Public Affairs award.

Sincerely,

Sharon Roggy
Zonta Chairperson
Young Women in Public Affairs Program

YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. BACKGROUND

The Young Women in Public Affairs award is a program originated by Zonta International in 1990. The goal of the 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.

Each year deserving applicants receive cash awards for use in furthering their career aspirations. The Young Women in Public Affairs award is offered locally by the Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area. We feel confident that there are many young women in our local secondary schools for whom this award would be appropriate. We anticipate identifying one young woman who has the potential to go on to win additional recognition at the District and International levels within the Zonta organization.

2. TIMELINE -- Deadlines are as follows:

February 28, 2009	Application, <u>two</u> letters of recommendation, and verification of school enrollment must be received on or before this date.
March 16, 2009	Local winner will be announced (\$1,000 award)
April 1, 2009	Local winner's application is submitted to Zonta District 12
May 1, 2009	District winner is announced and District winner's application is submitted to Zonta International (\$1,000 award)
July 1, 2009	International winner is announced (\$3,000 award)

3. Applications should be mailed to:

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4. Winner should be willing to:

- * permit use of photograph and biographical information for press release
- * attend a local Zonta Club meeting as guest of the club
- * allow use of excerpts from winning application in future issue of *The Zontian* magazine