

Young Women in Public Affairs

2009 APPLICATION



Zonta International
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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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) 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 Awards

Zonta Clubs usually provide awards for Club recipients. District recipients receive US\$1,000. Five International recipients are selected from the District recipients to receive awards of US\$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 16-20) 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.

Application Requirements

- ❑ Completion of the official application (may be printed or downloaded from the Zonta International Web site, www.zonta.org) and include:
- ❑ 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

The application process must start with a Zonta Club. All application materials must be received at the 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 the Young Women in Public Affairs Chairman at ywpachairman@zonta.org.

Zonta Clubs 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.

Timetable

Application is updated on the Zonta International Web site (www.zonta.org).....	by 1 September, 2008
Applications received by Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area.....	by 28 February, 2009
Club recipients selected and applications received by District Governor.....	by 1 April, 2009
District recipients selected and applications received by Zonta International Headquarters.....	by 1 May, 2009
Announcement of District and International Recipients.....	by 1 July, 2009

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 and their different customs. (150 to 200 words)

4. Status of Women in your Country

(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 your country?
- 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? You should 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 to 500 words)

Checklist to be completed by applicant:

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



Verification of Current Enrollment Young Women in Public Affairs Award

**Please return this form by
February 28, 2009**

Zonta club of the Pikes Peak Area

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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)