



**ZONTA**  
INTERNATIONAL

**Young Women in Public Affairs Award  
2023 Application**

# Young Women in Public Affairs Award

## A Zonta International Program, Funded by the Zonta Foundation for Women

### 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 are 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 Award

The Young Women in Public Affairs Awards are awarded to young women who demonstrate leadership skills and a commitment to public service and civic causes. Zonta International offers up to 37 international awards of US\$5,000 each.

### Who is Eligible?

Women, aged 16-19 on 1<sup>st</sup> 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/region to be eligible for the international awards.

Club members and individuals with direct membership with Zonta International and employees of Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women, 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.

Z club and Golden Z club members are eligible to apply. Previous district and international Young Women in Public Affairs Award recipients are not eligible to apply to renew the Award for a second year.

### 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](http://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 the Zonta club or district/region 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.





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.

**Recommendations**

Please list below those referees who will submit recommendations:

Name	Position /Title	Email
1.		
2.		

**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 levels.** 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 of material in my application by Zonta International.

- 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 club member or individual with direct membership with Zonta International or a family member of a club member's spouse or cohabiting partner, and/or employee of Zonta International.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Data Protection**

Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women 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 11 of the application).

**Checklist must 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)







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## Recommendation for Young Women in Public Affairs Award

**Please return this form by:**

To Zonta Club or e-Club of: \_\_\_\_\_

c/o: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Postal code/Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Public Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature is required (Insert image of your signature or print, sign and scan this page.) \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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. You may write your recommendation letter on letterhead of your choice; however, you must sign and submit this form with your letter of recommendation to the address above.

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



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## Verification of Current Enrollment Young Women in Public Affairs Award

**Please return this form by:**

To Zonta Club or e-Club of: \_\_\_\_\_

c/o: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Postal code/Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Public Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of School/Institute Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Official School/Institute Stamp)



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## Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award Privacy Policy and Publicity Authorization

Zonta International and the Zonta Foundation for Women 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 Foundation for Women 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 Foundation for Women conducts various marketing activities to promote the YWPA Award Program. In addition, to ensure Zonta's ability to fund the Awards, the Zonta Foundation for Women 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.

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Please print your name

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

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Date