

Young Women in Public Affairs

2016 APPLICATION



Zonta International
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

Young Women in Public Affairs

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 affairs by recognizing a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women.

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 organisations and further their education with these aims in view.

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

The Awards

The Zonta Club of Guelph provides an award of \$1,000 CDN.

District/Region recipients receive US\$1,000. Ten International recipients are selected from the District/Region recipients to receive awards of US\$4,000 each. District/Region and International awards are funded by the Zonta International Foundation.

Who is Eligible?

Women who are pre-university or pre-college students (age 16-19) studying and living in the **Guelph-Wellington area** at the time of application and demonstrate evidence of:

- ❑ active commitment to volunteerism.
- ❑ experience in local or student government (examples include: involvement in student government, model UN or volunteering for a local MP)
- ❑ volunteer leadership achievements.
- ❑ knowledge of Zonta International and its programs
- ❑ advocating in Zonta International's mission of advancing the status of women worldwide. (example would be service/volunteer work that helps advocate for improvement of the status of women such as volunteering at a local women's shelter or participating in volunteer work that helps improve living conditions for women in third-world countries)

Application Requirements

- ❑ Completion of this application (electronic copy available at www.zontaguelph.ca).
- ❑ 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 the Zonta Club of Guelph. All application materials must be received by the Zonta Club of Guelph by **February 12, 2016**.

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 ten 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 posted on the Zonta International Web site (www.zonta.org).....	by 1 August
Applications received by The Zonta Club of Guelph.....	February 12, 2016
Club recipients selected and applications received by District Governor.....	by 1 April
District recipients selected and applications received by Zonta International Headquarters.....	by 1 May
Announcement of District/Region and International Recipients.....	1 July

Application for Young Women in Public Affairs Award



Send applications and direct questions to:

Zonta Club of: Guelph
c/o: Michelle Fach
Address: 17A-Suite 1195, 218 Silvercreek Pkwy N.
City/State: Guelph
Province/Country: Ontario N1H 8E8
Telephone: (519) 763-4003
Email Address: Zonta@Zontaguelph.ca

Application Deadline: Feb 12, 2016

Name: _____

Last (Family)

First (Given)

Middle

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 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)

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 electronic or hard copy publication by Zonta International of material in my application.

Date

Signature

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

Question

1. Student Activities and your leadership role

Please include what you find most rewarding or valuable about your participation in these activities.

(200 words)

2. Community Service Activities / Student Government experience or interest

Describe the activities in which you participate that benefit your community. Please describe any local or student government experience, national or international projects and experience.

(200 words)

3. International Awareness

Describe the activities you participate in which increase your experience, knowledge and understanding of other countries and their different customs. *(150 words)*

4. Status of Women in your Country and Worldwide

Describe your experience in advocating to improve the status of women locally and worldwide. Are there any issues which hinder the improvement of women's status in your country and worldwide? Describe your ideas as to how they should be resolved. *(300 words)*

Checklist to be completed by applicant:

- Verification of current enrollment by school official
- Completed application materials, typed and in English
- Two confidential recommendations
- Applicant's Signature
- All Essay questions meet the guidelines of 150-300 words



Recommendation for Young Women in Public Affairs Award

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Telephone # 519-763-4003

Note: if sending by courier, please ask that a signature **NOT** be required.

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. **This recommendation must be mailed directly to the address above.**



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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)