

# **Young Women in Public Affairs**

## **2007 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 Award

District recipients receive US\$500. Five International awards are selected from the District recipients to receive awards of US\$1,000 each.

## Who is Eligible?

Applicants must be pre-university or pre-college students (age 16-20) at the time of application.

## What are the Requirements?

Applications must show:

- ❑ Evidence of active commitment to volunteerism.
- ❑ Evidence of volunteer leadership achievements.
- ❑ Evidence of dedication to advancing the status of women worldwide.

## How do I apply?

Complete an official application (may be printed or downloaded from the Zonta International Web site, [www.zonta.org/ywpa](http://www.zonta.org/ywpa)); include, verification of current enrollment by school official, and two confidential recommendations from adults, not related to the applicant, such as teachers, school officials or community leaders. All application materials must be received at the Zonta Club by the printed deadline. If no Zonta Club contact information is printed on the upper left-hand side of the application, please locate a Zonta Club nearest you using the [Club Locator](#) at [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org), or e-mail your name and contact information to the Young Women in Public Affairs Coordinator at [ywpaordinator@zonta.org](mailto:ywpaordinator@zonta.org). Please note that you must contact a Zonta Club before sending your application.

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.

## What is the application process?

Applications selected by Zonta Clubs are sent to the Zonta District Governors. A District Evaluating Committee selects one applicant per district to submit to Zonta International Headquarters. The Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Subcommittee selects five international recipients from the District applications.

## Timetable

<b>Application</b> is updated on Zonta Web site .....	by 30 September
<b>Club</b> recipient is selected and application is sent to District Governor.....	by 1 April
<b>District</b> recipient selected and application received by Zonta International Headquarters.....	by 1 May
<b>Zonta International</b> YWPA Committee recommends the International recipients.....	by 30 June



## Application for 2007 Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Send applications and direct questions to:

Zonta Club of: 7  
 Attn: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Province/Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applications may be photocopied or  
 downloaded from [www.zonta.org/ywpa](http://www.zonta.org/ywpa)

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 your anticipated course of study and current career interests, including how you plan to continue to be active in volunteer or community organizations.

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### 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 and the ways you seek to understand other countries with their different customs and ways of life. *(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 international organizations like the UN with the help of non-governmental organizations worldwide, and/or the input of each individual woman. *(300 to 500 words)*



## Recommendation for 2007 Young Women in Public Affairs Award

**Please return this form by** February 6, 2007  
 c/o Zonta club of Conejo Valley Area  
 Address P.O. Box 4832  
 Postal Code, City Thousand Oaks, CA 91359  
 Fax \_\_\_\_\_

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.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

