

Young Women in Public Affairs

2010 APPLICATION



Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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Zonta Club of Yakima Valley

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

The Yakima Valley Zonta Club recipient receives \$2,000. Her application is also forwarded to District for consideration in the District award of \$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 downloaded from the Yakima Valley Zonta Club website, www.zontayakima.org; include, verification of current enrollment by school official, and two confidential recommendations from adults not related to the applicant, such as teachers, school official, or community leaders. All application materials must be received by the Yakima Valley Zonta Club by the printed deadline.

Supporting documentation not requested will not be considered. All applications and supporting information become the property of Yakima Valley Zonta Club. Yakima Valley Zonta Club has final authority over any aspect of the Awards.

What is the selection process?

Yakima Valley Zonta Club's Scholarship Committee selects one applicant for the Club award. Applications selected by Zonta Clubs are sent to the Zonta District Governors. A District Evaluating Committee selects one applicant for the District Award. The applicant is also submitted to Zonta International. The Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Subcommittee selects five international recipients from the District applications.

Timetable

Application is due	by 1 March
Club recipient is selected and application is sent to District Governor.....	by 1 April
District recipient selected and application received by Zonta International Headquarters.....	by 1 May
Announcement of International Recipients.....	by 30 June

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. *(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)*



Verification of Current Enrollment 2010 Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Please return this form by March 1, 2010, to:

Zonta Club of Yakima Valley
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 234
Yakima, WA 98907

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)