

Young Women in Public Affairs

2012 APPLICATION



Zonta International
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

Young Women in Public Affairs

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.

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.

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 Award

The Yakima Valley Zonta Club recipient receives \$2,000. The Yakima Valley Zonta recipient will compete at the District level. District recipients receive \$1,000. Five International recipients are selected from the District recipients to receive awards of \$3,000 each.

Who is Eligible?

Women who are pre-university or pre-college students (age 16-19) living or studying in a Zonta district/region at the time of application and demonstrate evidence of the following, are eligible to apply.

- Active commitment to volunteerism
- Experience in local or student government
- Volunteer leadership achievements
- Knowledge of Zonta International and its programs
- Advocating in Zonta International's mission of 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 1 July

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) Please provide the word count at the end of your answer.

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) 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. (150 words) Please provide the word count at the end of your answer.

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 or worldwide: Describe your ideas as to how they should be resolved. (300 words) Please provide the word count at the end of your answer.

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



Recommendation for Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Your complete application must be postmarked by March 1, 2012. Incomplete applications and late submissions will not be accepted. Send to:

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

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



Verification of Current Enrollment Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Please return this form, postmarked by March 1, 2012 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)