

YWPA AWARD

Navigating the zonta.org site

Go to zonta.org, click on WHAT WE DO and then INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS.

Click on YWPA.

The YWPA page has a short description of the Young Women in Public Affairs Award in center of page.

On left side: links to other scholarships and programs.

On right side: Links to YWPA application, poster, former award recipients and YWPA Award tools.

Click on AWARD TOOLS:

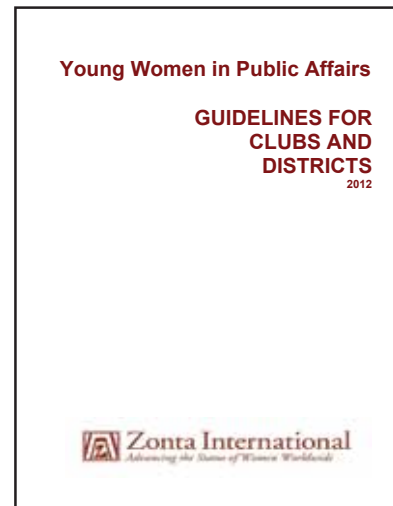
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Zonta Club appoints a **YWPA CLUB COMMITTEE**, whose members approach school officials directly.

Committee should read Guidelines for Clubs and Districts 2012 FINAL.pdf for detailed information on the process.

Club Award: Zonta Clubs are encouraged to offer a Club Award for the Club recipient and offer certificates for all participants.



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Evaluation Committee Scoring Sheet
for
Young Women in Public Affairs Awards
A Zonta International Program, funded by Zonta International Foundation

Applicant's Name: _____
 Applicant's School: _____
 Sponsored by Zonta Club of: _____ in District: _____

ITEM	POSSIBLE POINTS	APPLICANT'S SCORE
1. Student Activities	25	
2. Community Service Activities	25	
3. International Awareness	25	
4. Status of Women in your Country	25	
	100	

Comments: _____

Evaluator: _____ Date: _____
(signature) (print name)

Download tools from website and use to make information packets for your local high schools. Call each school to confirm who the packet should go to. Packet includes the poster, application and press release.

Poster:

Print one copy for each local high school.

Needs to be customized for your club on lower right hand corner. May be handwritten. District applications are due April 1 so set your clubs deadline at least one month in advance

2012
Young Women in Public Affairs Awards
Recognizing young women for their demonstrated leadership skills and commitment to public service

<p>AWARD</p> <p>CLUB One applicant from each club recommended for District Award</p> <p>DISTRICT One recipient per district receives District Award of US\$1,000 and application is submitted to be considered for an International Award</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL Five district award recipients receive an additional US\$3,000 International Award</p>	<p>APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>Women of any nationality, who are ages 16-30 living or studying in a Zonta district/region at the time of application and demonstrate evidence of the following, are eligible to apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Active commitment to volunteerism - Experience in local or student government - Volunteered leadership achievements - Knowledge of Zonta International and its programs - Advocating for Zonta International's mission of advancing the status of women worldwide <p>DEADLINE</p> <p>Applications must be received by the applicant's local Zonta club by the club's published deadline. To locate a Zonta club near you and download an application, please visit www.zonta.org.</p>
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APPLICATION DEADLINE:
APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:

Young Women in Public Affairs Awards
A Zonta International Program
Funded by: Zonta International Foundation
www.zonta.org

Application:

Customize fw your club's information in Word.

Print one copy for each local high school.

Press release announcing applicaiton process:

Download and open in Word or similar program and customize for your club.

Print one copy for each local high school.


Send out press release to all local media. Emailing the document is the most convenient way for both parties.

After application due date has passed and you have received applications:

Evaluation Committee: Zonta Clubs are encouraged to invite non-Zontians (i.e. community leaders) to join their evaluation committee. Many Clubs find that including non-Zontians in a Club program is helpful in getting local press coverage.

Use the **YWPA Selection Criteria and Committee Evaluation Scoring Sheet** to help the evaluation process go smoothly.

Young Women in Public Affairs
2012 APPLICATION


Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide


100 Main Street • Any Town Any Country Voice: any phone E-Mail: any email

NEWS RELEASE

For more information contact:
Day Phone: _____
Night Phone: _____

For Immediate Release

Zonta (District # or Zonta Club of)
Young Women in Public Affairs Award Applications Available

Anytown, AnyState, Today's Date - Applications for the 2012 Young Women in Public Affairs Award are now available from the Zonta (Club / District) by contacting: [add contact information]

The goal of the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Program is to encourage more young women to participate in public affairs by recognizing a young woman's commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women.


Applicants are asked to reflect on their voluntary commitment to their school and to their community and the problems limiting the advancement of the status of women in their own country and worldwide. The Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs program looks to the young women of today for the leaders of tomorrow.

Applications are due to: [insert information] by [insert deadline]. Applicants must be age 16-19 and living or studying in a Zonta district region at the time of application.

Insert paragraph about your Zonta Club or District

Zonta International, with world headquarters in Oak Brook, IL, USA, is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. The Young Women in Public Affairs Award is one of many programs for women and girls sponsored by Zonta International. The Award is funded by voluntary contributions to the Zonta International Foundation YWPA fund.

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Selection Criteria
for
Young Women in Public Affairs Awards

These selection criteria assist in the consistent evaluation of YWPA applicants at the Club, District and International levels.

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1. Student Activities and your leadership role. *Please include what you find most rewarding or valuable about your participation in these activities.*


First and foremost, the answer to this question should make known the extracurricular activities the applicant participates in, her commitment to these and why she participates. Those candidates who participate in public-service oriented student activities, especially in leadership positions, will stand out among the rest. For example, a candidate who participates primarily in athletics or drama will probably not measure up to a candidate who has founded a club that sponsors award-winning, volunteer-based literacy programs and/or has been elected by her peers to lead her school (e.g. student council president).

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.*

Here the answer should demonstrate the candidate's commitment to community service-based activities through descriptions of specific examples. The evaluation committee is not necessarily looking for someone who has participated in a great number of community service organizations. Often, the best candidates have made concrete achievements through their public service activity through just one or two special fields. The evaluation committee should pay particular attention to whether and how the second part of the question is answered.

3. International Awareness. *Describe the activities that you participate in which increase your experience, knowledge and understanding of other countries and their different customs.*

Some of these activities could be: learning foreign languages, joining multicultural clubs or groups, participating in international youth camps, seminars, study tours, student exchanges, etc. Activities may also include working with immigrants or refugees. The evaluation committee should consider whether the candidate's information is only a listing of activities, or whether the descriptions expresses the knowledge or experience she has gained through these activities.


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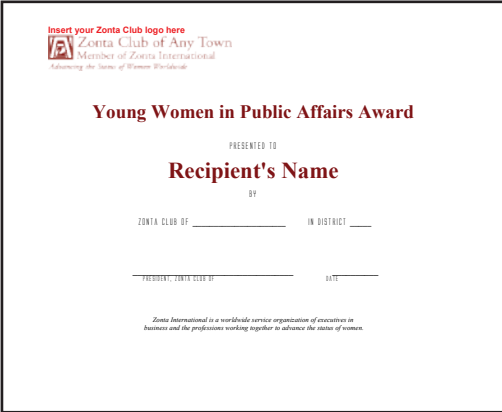
Evaluator: _____ (signature) Date: _____
_____ (print name)

After recipient is chosen:

Contact recipient and arrange a time to present the award. Contact media to be at the ceremony.

Customize Award Certificate and print out for award ceremony.

Customize the Announcing Recipients-Sample News Release and send out to media with photo of recipient accepting award.



Insert your Zonta Club logo here
Zonta Club of Any Town
Member of Zonta International
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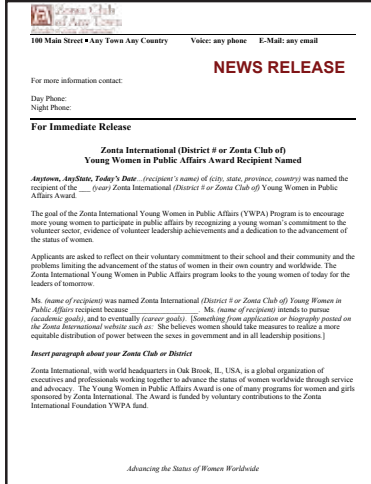
Young Women in Public Affairs Award

PRESENTED TO
Recipient's Name

BY _____
ZONTA CLUB OF _____ IN DISTRICT _____

PRESENTED ZONTA CLUB BY _____ DATE _____

Zonta International is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women.



Zonta Club of Any Town
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NEWS RELEASE

For more information contact:
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For Immediate Release

Zonta International (District # or Zonta Club of)
Young Women in Public Affairs Award Recipient Named

Anytown, AnyState, Today's Date (recipient's name) of (city, state, province, country) was named the recipient of the _____ (year) Zonta International (District # or Zonta Club of) Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

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Ms. (name of recipient) was named Zonta International (District # or Zonta Club of) Young Women in Public Affairs recipient because _____. Ms. (name of recipient) intends to pursue (academic goals), and to eventually (career goals). [Something from application or biography posted on the Zonta International website such as: She believes women should take measures to realize a more equitable distribution of power between the sexes in government and in all leadership positions.]

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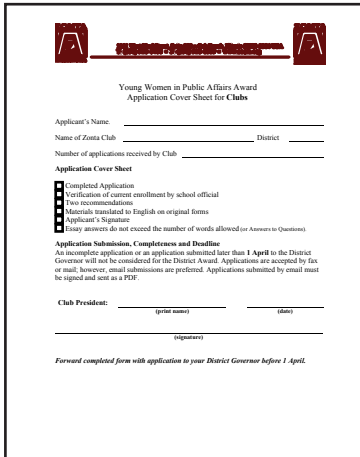
DISTRICT DEADLINE

Applications: Districts must receive Club applications by **April 1**. District Governors should appoint a District YWPA Committee, whose members will also be the District Evaluation Committee.

Before sending application to District:

Fill out **Application Cover Sheet for Clubs** and attach to application and send application to the District YWPA Chair before April 1.

The District Evaluation Committee will go through the evaluation process and choose an applicant to send on to the International competition. The District Governor checks the completeness of the application, fills in the Cover Sheet for Governors* and submits both to Zonta International Headquarters by **May 1**.



Young Women in Public Affairs Award
Application Cover Sheet for Clubs

Applicant's Name: _____
Name of Zonta Club: _____ District: _____
Number of applications received by Club: _____

Application Cover Sheet

- Completed Application
- Verification of current enrollment by school official
- Two recommendations
- Materials translated to English on original forms
- Applicant's Signature

Empty spaces do not exceed the number of words allowed for Answers to Questions.

Application Submission, Completeness and Deadline
An incomplete application or an application submitted later than 1 April to the District Governor will not be considered for the District Award. Applications are accepted by fax or mail; however, email submissions are preferred. Applications submitted by email must be signed and sent as a PDF.

Club President: _____ (print name) _____ (title)

(signature)

Forward completed form with application to your District Governor before 1 April.