

Young Women in Public Affairs

2006 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

The award has three levels. The first is local. The Oakville Zonta Club will select an award winner from applicants attending an Oakville high school. The Oakville recipient will receive CDN \$500. The Oakville Zonta Club will then forward that recipient's application to compete at the district level. Our district is comprised of a number of clubs from southern Ontario, northern Pennsylvania and New York.; it will select one recipient for the district award of US\$500. The names of all district winners worldwide are then submitted to the international level. 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 form.
- Arrange for a school official to complete and submit the verification of current enrollment, and
- Arrange for two confidential recommendations to be completed and submitted from adults, not related to yourself, such as teachers, school officials or community leaders.

(all forms are attached below)

- Upon completion of the application, and before submitting it to Zonta, you must notify the Oakville Zonta Club that you are applying for the award. Kindly send your notification to the following email addresses: mchristineoswald@yahoo.ca, and ceduvall@sympatico.ca.
- All application materials,(including the application form, verification and recommendations), must be received at the Oakville Zonta Club by the deadline printed at the top of the application form.

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 local 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

Applications must be submitted to the Oakville Zonta Club	by Friday, March 3
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
Zonta International YWPA Committee recommends the International recipients.....	by 30 June



Application for 2006 Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Send applications and direct questions to:

Zonta Club of: Oakville
 Attn: Ms. Cherie Duvall
 Address: 59 Ennisclare Drive
 City/State: Oakville,
 Province/Country: Ontario, L6H 4N3
 Telephone: 905-337-7810
 Email Address: ceduvall@sympatico.ca

Applications may be photocopied or downloaded from 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.

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 2006 Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Please return this form by Friday, March 3, 2006
 c/o Zonta club of Oakville
 Address c/o Ms. Cherie Duvall, 59 Ennisclare Drive,
 Postal Code, City Oakville, Ontario, L6H 4N3
 Fax 905-337-9003

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 2006 Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Please return this form by Friday, March 3, 2006
c/o Zonta club of Oakville
Address c/o Ms Cherie Duvall, 59 Ennisclare Drive
Postal Code, City Oakville, Ontario, L6H 4N3
Fax 905-337-9003

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)