Young Women in Public Affairs

2010 APPLICATION

Zonta Club of Anchorage

Member of Zonta International

Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

Young Women in Public Affairs

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 Awards

Zonta Club of Anchorage will provide a $500.00 cash award to the winning applicant, and will forward that application to the Zonta District level for consideration.
Zonta Clubs usually provide awards for Club recipients**.** District recipients receive US$1,000. Five International recipients are selected from the District recipients to receive awards of US$3,000 each. District and International awards are funded by the Zonta International Foundation. Please use this form or contact Bonnie Ivy at 563-5656 or ivyco@alaska.net for local information.

Who is Eligible?

Women who are pre-university or pre-college students (age 16-20) at the time of application and demonstrate:

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

Application Requirements

- Completion of the official application (may be printed or downloaded from the Zonta International Web site, www.zonta.org)
- Verification of current enrollment by school official
- Two confidential recommendations from adults, not related to the applicant, such as teachers, school officials or community leaders.

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.

Application process

The application process must start with a Zonta Club. All application materials must be received at a Zonta Club by the printed deadline. If you downloaded the application, you must contact a Zonta Club for deadline information. Please locate the Zonta Club nearest you using the Club Locator at www.zonta.org, or e-mail your name and contact information to the Young Women in Public Affairs Chairman at ywpachairman@zonta.org.
Zonta Clubs select one application to send to the Zonta District Governors. A District Evaluating Committee reviews the applications and selects one applicant per District to submit to Zonta International Headquarters. The Zonta International YWPA Committee recommends five International recipients from the District applications to the Zonta International Board. After approval by the Zonta International Board, the Zonta International Foundation provides awards and certificates to the District and International recipients.

Timetable

Application is updated on the Zonta International Web site (www.zonta.org).....by 1 September
Applications received by Zonta Clubs...…….. ……...…..……...…**postmark by March 1, 2010**
Club recipients selected and applications received by District Governor...…….. …….....… by 1 April
District recipients selected and applications received by Zonta International Headquarters.....…….…….by 1 May
Announcement of **District** and **International** Recipients…….…..…… 1 July

Application for
Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Send applications and direct questions to:

Zonta Club of:	Anchorage
c/o:	Bonnie Ivy
Address:	3835 Spenard Road
City/State:	Anchorage, AK 99517
Province/Country:	
Telephone:	(907) 563-5656
Email Address:	ivyco@alaska.net

Application Deadline: March 1, 2010

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 in short your anticipated course of study and current career interests, including whether and how you plan to be active in volunteer or community organizations. (Do not use additional space)

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 which increase your experience, knowledge and understanding of other countries and their different customs. *(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)*

Checklist to be completed by applicant:

☐ Verification of current enrollment by school official
☐ Two confidential recommendations
☐ Completed application materials, typed and in English
☐ Applicant's Signature
☐ All Essay questions meet the guidelines of 150-500 words

Recommendation for
Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Please return this form by: March 1,2010

To Zonta club of:	Anchorage
c/o	Bonnie Ivy
Address:	3835 Spenard Road
Postal code, City:	Anchorage, Ak 99517
Fax:	(907) 563-5657

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**.

Verification of Current Enrollment
Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Please return this form by:	March 1, 2010 postmark
To Zonta club of:	Anchorage
c/o	Bonnie Ivy
Address:	3835 Spenard Road
Postal code, City:	Anchorage, AK 99517
Fax:	(907) 563-5657

School Name: _____

I certify that _____ is currently enrolled in
(name)

_____ at _____
(grade level) (name of school)

_____
(school address)

_____ _____
Date Signature of School Official

_____
(Official School Stamp)