



Young Women in Public Affairs Award Program

PROGRAM BACKGROUND/STATISTICS (January 2018)

Purpose

The Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award Program was established in 1990. The program goal is to encourage more young women to participate in public affairs by recognizing a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. Applicants of age 16-19 on 1st April each year, living in a Zonta district/region, or a citizen of a Zonta country, who demonstrate evidence of the following, are eligible to apply. Note that applicants from geographic areas within a Zonta district/region where no clubs are located will be considered and also eligible to apply for the district/region Award. Z and Golden Z club members are also eligible to apply. Classified members and employees of Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation, and their family members, are not eligible to apply for the Awards.

This program operates at the club, district and region, and international levels of Zonta International. Clubs, districts and regions are advised to appoint committees to manage these program responsibilities.

Program Statistics

Since the inception of the program in 1990, Zonta has awarded **846 awards** (includes international awards), totaling **US\$836,750**, to **724 young women** representing **56 countries**.

The Awards

In December 2017, the ZIF Board and the ZI Board approved increasing the 32 district and region awards to US\$1,500 each.

2013-2017: In February 2012, the ZIF Board and the ZI Board approved the expansion of the Award to 10 international recipients and approved increasing the amount of funding for the international award to US\$4,000.

2008-2012: In February 2008, the ZIF Board and the ZI Board approved increasing the amount of funding for the YWPA Awards to provide US\$1,000 to each district/region recipient and US\$3,000 to five international recipients.

2001-2007: In February 2000, the ZIF Board approved the expansion of the Award to include five international recipients. Zonta provided US\$500 to each district recipient and US\$1,000 to five international recipients.

1991-2000: Zonta International provided US\$500 to each district recipient and US\$1,000 to one international recipient.

How are the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award recipients chosen?

Zonta clubs publicize the program in their communities and distribute, receive and evaluate applications. Clubs are encouraged to sponsor awards and certificates. Zonta clubs select one application to send to the Zonta governor/region representative. A district/region evaluation committee selects one applicant per district/region to submit to Zonta International Headquarters. The International YWPA Award Committee recommends 10 applicants for international YWPA awards to the Zonta International Board (or the Executive Committee acting on its behalf) for approval.

Timetable

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| Application is posted on the Zonta International website (www.zonta.org)..... | by 1 August |
| Applications received by Zonta clubs | deadline given by each club |
| Club recipient is selected and application is received by governor/region representative..... | by 1 April |
| District/region recipient selected and application received by Zonta International Headquarters..... | by 1 May |
| Announcement of district /region, and international recipients..... | 1 July |