

## **YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD**

The Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Awards program recognizes young women for their demonstrated leadership skills and commitment to public service and civic causes and encourages them to continue their participation in public and political life.

### **AWARD DESCRIPTION**

Established in 1990 by Past International President Leneen Forde, the Young Women in Public Affairs Award honours young women in secondary level or pre-university schools, ages 16 to 19, who demonstrate a commitment to leadership in public policy, government and volunteer organizations. The program operates at the Zonta club, district and international levels. Zonta clubs provide awards for club recipients and District 16 awards \$2,000 to the District winner. District and international awards are funded by the Zonta International Foundation. District recipients receive US\$1,000, and ten international recipients are selected from the district recipients to receive awards of US\$4,000 each.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Women of any nationality, who are secondary school students (ages 16-19) living or studying in a Zonta district at the time of application and demonstrate evidence of:

- 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

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

The application must start with a Zonta club. All application materials must be received at a Zonta club by the printed deadline. Zonta clubs select one application to send to the Zonta governor. 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. [Locate a Zonta Club Near You.](#)

### **DEADLINE**

Applications for the Young Women in Public Affairs Award must be received by the assigned deadline that is declared by the applicant's local Zonta club. The annual recipients will be chosen by 1 July.

## **FUNDING SUPPORT**

Young Women in Public Affairs Awards are made possible through generous contributions from Zontians, Zonta Clubs and friends of Zonta