

January 12, 2024

Newfane High School
Attention: Guidance Office
6273 Charlotteville Road
Newfane, NY 14108

Dear Guidance Counselor:

The Zonta Club of Lockport, as part of a project of Zonta International, annually sponsors a Young Woman in Public Affairs Award to a graduating senior. The award's purpose is the encouragement of high school women, under the age of 19, to enter careers or seek leadership positions in social policy-making government and volunteer organizations.

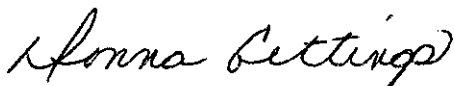
- This award operates at the Club, District, and International levels.
- The prize for the local club is a \$750.00 cash award
- The local winner becomes eligible for a \$500.00 cash award at the District level.
- The 26 District winners compete for a \$1,000.00 prize given by International.

More information (and a link to the application) can also be found on the Zonta International website at: www.zonta.org (under the Young Women in Public Affairs Award).

We seek your help in identifying eligible young women under the age of 19 who will be graduating from a public or private high school during the current year. Applicants must fill out the enclosed form, obtain a recommendation from a non-family member, and return the completed application to the address noted below on or before **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024**.

If you have any questions concerning the application process, you may contact me at (716) 434-9348.

Sincerely,



Donna Gettings
4509 Lake Ave
Lockport, NY, 14094

2024



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD

APPLICATION FORM

SEND APPLICATION AND DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO:

Application Deadline:
Zonta Club/e-Club of:
District/Area:
To find a club click: Club Locator
Attention:
Address:
City/State:
Province/Country:
Telephone:
Email address:

Name: Last (Family) First (Given) Middle

Current Mailing Address:

City: State: Postal Code: Country:

Telephone: Email Address:

Permanent mailing address:

City: State: Postal Code: Country:

Birthdate: Birthplace: Country of Citizenship:
date/month/year (city/country)

Name and Address of School/Institute currently attending (if applicable):

Current year of study (if applicable):

Name and Address of Employer (if applicable):

Select at least one type of payment that you are applying for (See How May I Use These Award Funds and Tax Implications)

Award with no restrictions Scholarship for tuition Scholarship for living expenses

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. (150 words) Please provide the word count at the end of your answer.

Please answer all questions below, noting the word limit for each. In evaluating applications, all questions are rated in equal value.

Question

1. Activities related to your school/workplace. Please include (a) your leadership experience, and (b) what you find most rewarding or valuable about your participation in these activities (no more than 200 words). Please provide the word count at the end of your answer.

2. Activities not related to your school/workplace. Describe the activities in which you participate as a volunteer that benefit other causes and any leadership roles you have had in those activities. Please include with these activities a description of any experience in local government, international, or other projects (no more than 200 words). Please provide the word count at the end of your answer.

3. International Awareness

Describe the activities you participate in which increase your experience, knowledge and understanding of other countries and their different customs (no more than 150 words). Please provide the word count at the end of your answer.

4. Status of Women in your Country

Describe your experience in building a better world for women and girls through service and/or advocacy. Are there any issues which hinder women's and girls' empowerment in your country? Describe your ideas for resolving them (no more than 300 words). Please provide the word count at the end of your answer.

Recommendations

Please list below those referees who will submit recommendations:

| Name | Position /Title | Email |
|------|-----------------|-------|
| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |

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 other than for translation into English if required for advancing to the district and international levels. 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 electronic or hard copy publication of material in my application by Zonta International.

- I confirm that I have not applied to more than one Zonta district.
- I confirm that I am not a family member (ancestor, descendant, adoptee, sibling, niece or cousin) of a classified member (club member or individual with direct membership with Zonta International) or a family member of a classified member's spouse or cohabiting partner, and/or employee of Zonta International.

Signature (Insert image of your signature or print, sign and scan this page)

Date

Data Protection

Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women take the security of your data seriously. We will never sell, trade or rent your personal information provided in this application to third parties. By submitting this application, you agree to the use of your data in accordance with the *Privacy Policy and Publicity Authorization Form* contained in the application documents (see page 8 of the application).

Checklist must be completed by applicant:

- Verification of current enrollment by school/institute official (if applicable), or
- Letter from employer stating employment (if applicable)
- Completed application (required)
- Two confidential recommendation letters with signatures (required)
- Typed application (required)
- Applicant's signature (required)



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Recommendation for Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Please return this form by:

To Zonta Club or e-Club of:

c/o:

Address:

City/State/Postal code/Country:

Email:

Applicant's Signature is required (Insert image of your signature or print, sign and scan this page.)

Date

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. You may write your recommendation letter on letterhead of your choice; however, you must sign and submit this form with your letter of recommendation to the address above.

Signature of referee (Insert image of your signature or print, sign and scan this page.)

Date



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Verification of Current Enrollment for the Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Please return this form by:

To Zonta Club or e-Club of: _____

c/o: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Postal code/Country: _____

Email: _____

School/Institute: _____

I certify that _____ is currently enrolled in
(name)

_____ at _____
(grade level) (name of school/institute currently attending)

(address of school/institute currently attending)

Signature of School/Institute Official

Date

(Official School/Institute Stamp)



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award

Privacy Policy and Publicity Authorization

Zonta International and the Zonta Foundation for Women are committed to honoring the privacy and wishes of all of our Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award recipients at all times. In order to do this, please read the following information carefully and indicate your agreement as appropriate.

1. Most data collected by Zonta International and the Zonta Foundation for Women is used only to help Zonta better serve its award recipients. It is our general policy to collect and store only personal information that our recipients knowingly provide. Zonta does not sell, trade, or rent your personally identifying information to third parties. Except as described in paragraph two, we take reasonable measures not to disclose personally identifying information about you.

I have read the above paragraph and agree to the Terms and Conditions therein.

2. From time to time, Zonta International/Zonta Foundation for Women conducts various marketing activities to promote the YWPA Award Program. In addition, to ensure Zonta's ability to fund the Awards, the Zonta Foundation for Women may from time to time provide information to donors to the YWPA Award Fund about recipients of their donations. Zonta retains the right to use your name, photograph and biographical information to promote the YWPA Awards in various promotional materials, including the Zonta International website.

I have read the above paragraph and agree to the Terms and Conditions therein.

Please print your name

Signature (Insert image of your signature or print, sign and scan this page)

Date