

The Zonta Club of Mid-Maryland is seeking applications for the 2020 Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Award Program. Applications must be received by February 24, 2020. ***Please mail applications and support documents to Zonta Club of Mid-Maryland, c/o Erma Barron, P.O. Box 187, Glenn Dale, Maryland 20769.***

The Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Award is designed to encourage young women between the ages of 16-19 to participate in public affairs by recognizing the following:

* *Commitment to the volunteer sector*
* *Evidence of volunteer leadership achievement*
* *Dedication to empowering women/(girls) worldwide through service and advocacy*

**The award levels are between $250 and $4000.**

* The local Zonta Club of Mid-Maryland will award a first-place award of $500, and a second-place award of $250.
* District/region award winners, which are selected from local club applicants, will receive awards of $1500.
* 10 international recipients, which are selected from district/region applicants, will receive awards of $4000.

***Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:***

* Young woman aged 16-19 on April 1, 2020
* Applicants are eligible to apply if they can demonstrate the following:
	+ Active commitment to volunteerism
	+ Experience in local government, student government, or workplace leadership (paid or unpaid)
	+ Volunteer leadership achievements
	+ Knowledge of Zonta International and its programs
	+ Support for Zonta International mission of empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy

***A PDF of the application may be downloaded from the Zonta Club of Mid-Maryland’s website:*** [**http://www.zontaclubofmid-maryland.org/ywpa**](http://www.zontaclubofmid-maryland.org/ywpa)**. *The following must be submitted with the application:***

* Letter from school/institute official with verification of current enrollment, or
* Letter from employer stating employment (if applicable)
* Two confidential recommendations from adults, not related to applicant, such as teachers, school officials/employee supervisors or community leaders.

The Zonta Club of Mid-Maryland looks forward to receiving eligible applications and awarding the Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award to two, well-deserving young women.

Please contact Erma Barron at ebarronzonta@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding this award program.

Information about Zonta International may be found at zonta.org.