

Young Women in Public Affairs Award for 2020

A.ZI Board has approved the following changes to the 2020 Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award Program.

After consulting with Zonta's tax advisors and attorney, the Board determined that, to maximize the benefits to the recipients, Zonta will restrict how the Award funds may be used.

Beginning in 2020, the Young Women in Public Affairs Award will be handled similar to a scholarship and may only be used for tuition, fees, and materials (books, supplies, and equipment required for courses at an educational institution. Awardees will not be allowed to use the Award for living or other non-tuition expenses, such as reinvestment into their service projects. The Board understands this is a significant change for this program, but the objective is to ensure the greatest award money makes it into the hands of the recipient.

B.To enable everybody to see the changes clearly, the following is a summary of the changes made in various sections of 2020 YWPA materials.

B.1.2020 YWPA Award Guidelines for Clubs and Districts/Region file (pages 2-3):

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Women aged 16-19 on 1st April each year, studying at a secondary school, college or university in a Zonta district/region, or who are studying elsewhere but are citizens of a Zonta country, who demonstrate evidence of the following, are eligible to apply.

HOW MAY RECIPIENTS USE THE AWARD FUNDS?

As of the 2020 award cycle, Young Women in Public Affairs Awardees may only use the award funds for tuition, fees and materials (books, supplies and equipment required for courses) for degree candidates at a secondary school, college or university.

Recipients are not permitted to defer the YWPA Award. They may accept additional grants and awards from other sources.

B.2.2020 YWPA Award Application file:

Page 2: WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

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HOW MAY I USE THE AWARD FUNDS?

1. Award funds may only be used for tuition, fees and materials (books, supplies and equipment for required courses) at a secondary school, college or university.
2. Recipients are not permitted to defer the YWPA Award.
3. Recipients may accept additional grants and awards from other sources.

B.3.Page 5. Declaration by Applicant

Under "Declaration by Applicant" the following statement was added:

I confirm that the award will be used for tuition and fees required for tuition, fees, books, suppliers and equipment required for courses at a secondary school, college or university.