



**ZONTA**  
INTERNATIONAL  

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**EMPOWERING WOMEN**  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

**Z and Golden Z Club**  
**Emma L. Conlon Service Award**  
**2020 Application**

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**A Zonta International Program**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Established in 1948, the Z Club and Golden Z Club program is one of Zonta International's longest-running programs. Z clubs and Golden Z clubs help high school, college and university students develop leadership skills, promote career exploration and encourage members to participate in community, school and international service projects.

**THE AWARD**

The Emma L. Conlon Service Awards, established in 1962 in honor of Past International President Emma L. Conlon, who provided financial support for the original awards, recognize those Z and Golden Z clubs whose projects and programs best express the ideals of Zonta International through local and international service and advocacy to empower women worldwide. First place clubs receive US\$1,000; second place clubs receive US\$500; and third place clubs receive US\$250. An additional award of US\$250 is awarded to one Z club and one Golden Z club that have been chartered less than two years. The award money is to be used for the clubs' service projects.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

Z clubs and Golden Z clubs

**REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants must submit one service project in any of the three categories listed below.

**1. School Service**

School service consists of projects or programs that benefit the school that sponsors the Z club or Golden Z club. In the case of off-campus Z clubs or Golden Z clubs, programs or projects that directly benefit the sponsoring Zonta club may apply.

Examples of school service:

- Hosting an international fair that focuses on the role that women play in different countries to teach others about different cultures and the status of women internationally.
- Establishing a tutoring network for the school or university.
- Creating a Z club table at a school orientation night for incoming students to raise awareness of the Z Club Program and Zonta International.

**2. Community Service**

Community service consists of projects or programs that benefit the local community where the Z club or Golden Z club is located.

Examples of community service:

- Enlisting the expertise and network of the sponsoring Zonta club to host a reception for women candidates for public office in the community.
- Volunteering for a community literacy program to read to children or to assist adults to learn to read.

- Hosting a fundraising event or donating resources (time, money, material goods) to contribute to a local charity, crisis center, or special project of the sponsoring Zonta club.

### 3. International Service

International service is service that benefits an international organization, international cause or an international community other than the one where the Z club or Golden Z club is located.

International service may be a project that raises funds or resources for an international organization, such as UNFPA, UNICEF or UN Women, or contributing to one of Zonta International's designated international service projects.

Examples of international service:

- Raising awareness for the United Nations by hosting a United Nations Day celebration on 24 October.
- Raising awareness of international advocacy for women's rights.
- Hosting a unique fundraising project and donating the proceeds to one of Zonta International's projects to empower women through its partnerships with agencies of the United Nations.

## JUDGING GUIDELINES

### Scope and Value of Service

This judging classification is valued at **30 points** on the following criteria:

Scoring is based on the following criteria:

- Does the service project in this category (school, community or international) reflect the goals and objectives of Zonta International?
  - Does it provide service or address a problem related to any one or more of the following areas of priority of Zonta International: health, nutrition, women's issues, the environment, human rights, the elderly, education, literacy, economic self-sufficiency for women or for the family?
  - Does it support a scholarship fund of Zonta International, such as the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Program for women pursuing graduate Ph.D./doctoral degrees in conducting research applied to aerospace engineering or space sciences?
  - Does it contribute to an international service project or support an organization to which Zonta International maintains a relationship with, such as the United Nations and UNICEF?
- Does the service project listed in this category (in either school, community, or international) reflect the goals and objectives of the Z or Golden Z Club Program?
  - Does it contribute to any one or more of the following goals of the program: career development, leadership skills development, the creation of a useful international network, the promotion of the status of women, or the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace?
- Does the service project listed in this category (school, community, or international) contribute to the personal growth and development of participating members by encouraging

teamwork, fostering cooperation, teaching new skills or ideas, or promoting individuals service?

### **Continuity of Service**

This judging classification is valued at **30 points**. Scoring is based on the following criteria:

- Does the service project listed in this category (school, community, or international) contribute to the overall continuity of the goals of Zonta International and the Z Club and Golden Z Club Program? Is this a project that continues to provide service even after the initial project or program has ended?
  - A service project or program which provides literacy training within a school or community, or the contribution of funds to a Zonta or United Nations co-sponsored project, may have a multiplying effect of service. As a result of the project or program literate community and self-sufficient women, there is an increased awareness and access within their grasp.
  - Other examples of projects or programs that provide continuity are career development seminars, AIDS awareness seminars, vocational training sessions, literacy instruction, mentors, and contributions to Zonta International's or a Zonta club's ongoing service project. Many others may apply as well.

### **Originality of Service**

The judging classification is valued at **30 points**, based on the following criteria:

- Is the service project listed in this category (school, community, or international) unique in their design or in the way that they achieve a goal or ideal of Zonta International of the Z Club and Golden Z Club Program?
- **10 points** will be added to the score if a video is submitted for a **total of 100 points**.

### **HOW DO I APPLY?**

- Complete an official application in English and include email address (may be downloaded from the Zonta International website, [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)). Type your entries on the application. Illegible applications will be disqualified.
  - Any non-English documents must be translated into English.
- Include a description of a service project in any of the three service categories: school, community or international. Please provide one photograph of at least 300 pixels per inch (ppi) resolution in JPEG format and a short video of no more than two minutes in length about the service project. If you wish to include music in the video, please ensure that the Zonta club has permission to use it or that it is royalty-free. If the music is not legally obtained, Zonta International cannot share the video on the YouTube channel.

### **DEADLINE**

Applications and additional required materials are accepted by email or regular mail; however, email submissions are preferred. Applications submitted by email to [programs@zonta.org](mailto:programs@zonta.org) must be signed and sent as a PDF. All application materials must be received or post-marked by **30 April 2020**. Applications that are incomplete or late due to postal delays, transmittal by third parties, or other circumstances will not be considered. Submit a completed application to: **Zonta International Headquarters, Attn: Programs Department, 1200 Harger Road, Suite 330, Oak Brook, Illinois 60523, USA** or via email to [programs@zonta.org](mailto:programs@zonta.org).

**WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?**

After receiving the approval (signature) of the sponsoring Zonta club president, Z and Golden Z clubs submit applications to Zonta International Headquarters. The Zonta International Z and Golden Z Club Committee recommends eight (four Z clubs and four Golden Z clubs) recipients to the Zonta International Board for approval.

**HOW MAY I USE THE AWARD FUNDS?**

The Award must be used for the clubs' service projects. Each award recipient will report to Zonta International as to how the award money was spent by **15 February 2021**. Reporting forms will be sent to the award recipients.

**Timetable**

<b>Applications</b> received by Zonta Headquarters.....	<b>deadline 30 April</b>
<b>Zonta International</b> Z and Golden Z Club Committee recommends recipients.....	<b>June</b>
<b>Zonta International Board</b> approves recipients.....	<b>June</b>



## Application for Z and Golden Z Club Emma L. Conlon Service Award

Name of Z Club or Golden Z Club:	
Certificate Number:	
Date of Charter (month/year):	
Number of Members in Z Club or Golden Z Club:	

Mailing Address of Z Club or Golden Z Club:							
City:		State:		Postal Code:		Country:	
Email Address:				Telephone:			

Name of University/College/School:			
Advisor's Last Name (Family):		First Name:	
Daytime Telephone:		Email Address:	

Sponsoring Zonta Club:					
District:		Area:		Club Number:	
Club President		Phone:		Email Address:	

Year of any previous Emma L. Conlon Service Award:		
Is this the first entry submitted by the Z club or Golden Z club?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

## Service Projects

Please describe one service project undertaken by your Z club or Golden Z club. The project can be in any of the three categories: School, Community or International. **(150 word limit)**

Include the following:

- a) A general description of the project with one photograph
- b) A brief statement on how the project supported or reflected the goals of Zonta International
- c) A brief statement of how the project impacted your school, local community or the international organization, cause or community it served
- d) A short video of no more than two minutes that describes the project and its impact on the community it serves
- e) Did the project continue to provide service after the initial project ended?
- f) What percentage of your membership participated in the project?

**Declaration by Club President:** If my Z or Golden Z club is selected as a recipient, I grant permission to Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation to use the Z or Golden Z club name, service project description, photograph and video in Zonta International literature and on the Zonta International website to promote the Emma L. Conlon Service Awards.

Name of Zonta Club President: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Zonta Club President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Insert image of your signature or print, sign and scan this page.)