



ZONTA
CLUB OF
BONITA
SPRINGS-ESTERO
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

MISSION

The Zonta Club of Bonita Springs – Estero is an organization of business and professional women dedicated to improving the circumstances of women at all stages of life, locally and globally.

HISTORY

Zonta Club of Bonita Springs – Estero, Inc. was chartered in July 1994 and is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. The local club of women in our community joins others to work tirelessly to empower women worldwide. Zonta International seeks to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women through service and advocacy.

We are part of six Zonta clubs in Area 6 – Sarasota, Punta Gorda-Port Charlotte Area, Sanibel Island-Captiva, Ft. Myers, Bonita Springs, Estero, and Naples. Annually, we join forces for an educational meeting to focus on Zonta initiatives and share ideas. We also host an Inter-City Dinner to encourage and promote fellowship among our clubs.

Zonta International is divided into 31 districts worldwide. We are in District 11, which has 41 clubs throughout Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, and the British Virgin Islands.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this scholarship is to support students who are currently in higher education at a local college, university, vocational, or online school to continue to further their higher education.

AWARD

Up to \$500 will be awarded. Available for both undergraduate and graduate students.

Scholarship Criteria:

- Female
- Must be currently enrolled in a minimum of 9 credit hours at a local college, university, vocational or online school in SWFL
- Maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Must volunteer at one of our service projects, attend a membership social, and present your community involvement essay at one of our Zonta general meetings.

General:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

College, University, vocational or online school attending:

Major(s)/Field(s) of Interest:

Applicant Questions:

(if answers are longer than the space provided, please submit a separate document with questions and answers)

1. Why are you for applying for this scholarship?
2. What are your career goals based on your field of study and interests?
3. Provide a short essay on your recent community involvement and the impact it had on you and your community. (500 words or less)

4. What are you doing now or plan on doing in the future to further the mission and goals of Zonta Club of Bonita Springs-Estero to improve the quality of life of women in our local community?

Letter of Recommendation:

Please submit a Letter of Recommendation with your application due by May 1st. The Letter of Recommendation is to be from a community member who is not a family member. (LOR's not turned in will result in an incomplete application and not be considered)

Applicant Printed Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 1st BY EMAIL TO SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AT [BONITAZONTA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:bonitazonta@gmail.com)

For further questions please contact Brooke Spencer at bonitazonta@gmail.com or 239-333-9502.

**Monies will be distributed directly to the school once all requirements outlined in the criteria above have been completed. If requirements outlined in the application are not completed, scholarships will not be distributed.