

Amelia Earhart Fellowship

According to [Women in Aerospace](#), in 2010, roughly 10 percent of the aerospace industry was made up of women. While the number has slowly increased, there must be reinforcements behind each step forward. To assist the future of women in this field and other aerospace-related sciences and engineering, Zonta International established the Amelia Earhart Fellowship in 1938 in honor of legendary pilot and Zontian, Amelia Earhart. Today, the Fellowship of US\$10,000 is awarded annually to up to 30 talented women, pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace-related sciences or aerospace-related engineering around the globe.

Women of any nationality pursuing a Ph.D./doctoral degree, who demonstrate a superior academic record in the field of aerospace-related sciences or aerospace-related engineering, are eligible and encouraged to apply. For a full list of the eligibility and application requirements, please refer to the application.

Since the program's inception, Zonta International has awarded 1,543 Amelia Earhart Fellowships, totaling more than US\$9.7 million, to 1,114 women from 72 countries.

These fellowships are made possible through generous donations to the Zonta International Foundation.

For more information and a link to the 2018 AE Fellowship application, [click here](#)

Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Though about 40 percent of the world's workforce is women, according to data from the Inter-Parliamentary Union, only 23.5 percent of all national parliamentarians were female as of 1 July 2017. Because Zonta International believes that young women are the key to women's advancement in the field of public service, it offers the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award, which recognizes young women, ages 16-19, for demonstrating leadership skills and commitment to public service and civic causes, and encourages them to continue their participation in public and political life.

Established in 1990 by Past International President Leneen Forde, Zonta has given 846 awards (includes international awards), totaling US\$836,750, to 724 young women representing 56 countries.

The program operates at the Zonta club, district/region and international levels. Zonta clubs provide awards for club recipients, and district/region and international awards are funded by the Zonta International Foundation. District recipients receive US\$1,500, and 10 international recipients are selected from the district/region recipients to receive awards of US\$4,000 each.

The application must start with a Zonta club. All application materials must be received at a Zonta club by the printed deadline. Zonta clubs select one application to send to the district governor/region representative. A district/region evaluating committee reviews the applications and selects one applicant per district/region to submit to Zonta International Headquarters.

The Zonta International YWPA Award Committee recommends 10 international recipients from the district/region applications to the Zonta International Board. After approval by the Zonta International Board, the Zonta International Foundation provides awards and certificates to the district/region, and international recipients.

For more information and a link to the 2018 YWPA Award, [click here](#).