# Women in Technology Scholarship

## 2019 Application

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## A Zonta International Program, Funded through the Zonta International Foundation

**General Information**

The world economy, industry and sciences are becoming increasingly digitized, and these developments are disrupting society and familiar social processes. Women, however, are still largely underrepresented in technology and other STEM fields. To create a world in which men and women have equal opportunities, women need to have an active role in technology and technological developments. Zonta International is pleased to offer its new Zonta International Women in Technology Scholarship to encourage women to pursue education, career opportunities and leadership roles in technology.

**The Scholarship**

The Women in Technology Scholarships are awarded to women of any age, pursuing a technology degree or closely related program or who are pursuing continued advancement in technology. Zonta International offers up to 32 scholarships of US$2,000 each at the district/region level and six international scholarships in the amount of US$8,000 each.

**Who is Eligible?**

Women of any age, pursuing a technology degree or closely related program, who demonstrate outstanding potential in the field, are eligible to apply.

Women not enrolled in a university are also eligible as long as they submit:
- Evidence of completed trainings and outstanding performance.
- Description of current job with information about path that led to that job.
- Employer confirmation and recommendation or client testimonial supported by evidence.
- Reason for applying and description of desired career.
- Evidence of educational project plan (e.g. proof of course opportunities).

Golden Z club members may apply.

Classified members (club members and individuals with direct membership with Zonta International) and employees of Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation, and their family members (ancestors, descendants, adoptees, siblings, nieces or cousins, and those of their spouse or co-habiting partner), are not eligible to apply.

**How Do I Apply?**

Complete an official application in English. Please note that only typed applications will be accepted and considered. All non-English documents must be translated into English. The following documents are to be submitted in the application package. Applications can be downloaded from the Zonta International website, (www.zonta.org) and must include:

1. Verification of current enrollment by school/institute official (if applicable)
2. Two confidential recommendations from a faculty member in the major field of study, academic advisor, organization supervisors or volunteer supervisors. *(Classified members and employees of Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation are not eligible to write recommendation letters for applicants.) or*
3. Employer confirmation and recommendation or client testimonial supported by evidence (if applicable).
4. An essay of 500 words or less that clearly describes your academic and/or professional goals, the relevance of the program and how the Women in Technology Scholarship will assist you in reaching your goals. (Essays exceeding 500 words will not be considered.)

5. If applicable, list and include official detailed transcripts of grades or equivalent records for all universities, colleges or institutes attended with an explanation of the grading system for each transcript submitted.
6. All non-English documents must be translated into English.
7. All application materials must be received at the Zonta club by the deadline printed on the application. If the Zonta club contact information is not printed on the application, please locate a Zonta club nearest you by using the Club Locator at http://www.zonta.org, or email your name and contact information to Zonta International Headquarters at programs@zonta.org. Please note that applicants may not apply to more than one Zonta district.
8. Articles, pamphlets, books, curriculum vitae or other publications are not requested and will not be considered.
9. Applications that are incomplete or late due to postal delays, transmittal by third parties, or other circumstances will not be considered. Applications are accepted by email or regular mail; however, email submissions are preferred. Applications submitted by email must be signed and sent as a PDF.

**Application Process**

The Women in Technology Scholarship program operates at the club, district/region and international levels of Zonta International. Please note that applicants may not apply to more than one Zonta district. Applications selected by Zonta clubs are sent to the respective Zonta governor/regional representative. A district/region evaluating committee selects one applicant per district/region to submit to Zonta International Headquarters. The Zonta International Women in Technology Scholarship Committee selects six international recipients from the district/region applicants.

**How May I Use the Scholarship Funds?**
1. The scholarship may be used for any expenses that support the achievement of a degree or continuing advancement in technology or a closely related field.
2. For domestic and foreign recipients living in the United States, scholarship funds used for tuition, books, fees, supplies or required equipment for the program of study are not considered taxable income. Withholding taxes may be required on funds used for living expenses or other non-qualified expenses.
3. Recipients are not permitted to defer the Scholarship. Zonta International will consider a new application the following year, but no preferential consideration will be given to the second application.
4. Recipients may accept additional grants and scholarships from other sources.

**Timetable**

Applications received by Zonta clubs (contact local club for deadline-generally April/May)
**Club recipient** is selected and application is received by governor/region representative …………..**1 August 2019** (or earlier date determined by the district)
**District/region recipient** selected and application received by Zonta International Headquarters....**1 October 2019**
**Official announcement of district/region and international recipients**………………………**mid-November 2019**

# Application for Women in Technology Scholarship

**SEND APPLICATION AND DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO:**

**Application Deadline:**    1. July 2019

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| Zonta Club of: | Zonta club Copenhagen 3 |
| District/Area: | District 13, Area 1 |
| To find a club click: | **Club Locator** |
| Attention: | Birthe Jastrup |
| Address: | |
| City/State: | copenhagen |
| Province/Country: | Denmark |
| Telephone: | (+45) 40476664 |
| Email address: | jastrup@privat.dk |

Name: _____

     Last (Family)            First               Middle

Current mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Email address: _____ Telephone: _____

LinkedIn address: _____

Twitter handle: _____

Permanent mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Home email address: _____ Telephone: _____

Birth date: _____ Birthplace: _____ Country of citizenship: _____

     (date/month/year)

Name of university/college/institute currently attending (if applicable): _____

Current year of study (if applicable): _____

Department (if applicable): _____ Major/field of study (if applicable): _____

Plans for study under the Women in Technology Scholarship (if applicable): _____

Degree sought (if applicable): _____

Expected graduation date (if applicable provide month/year): _____

Name and Address of Employer (if applicable): _____

## Academic Background (if applicable):

Applicants are required to send transcripts of grades or equivalent records from all universities, colleges or institutes attended. An explanation of the grading system must be included for each transcript. Please add your current degree sought, if applicable, and expected graduation date (month/year).

| University/college/institute/online | (Year) to (Year) | Major field | Date of degree/anticipated |
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## Employment History in the Technology Field (if applicable):

| From (month/year) | To (month/year) | Name of Employer | Address | Type of work or position held |
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## Scholarships, Fellowships, Honors Received During the Studies Listed Above
(Attach an additional sheet if necessary)

| | Date: |
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## Volunteer and Other Activities
(Please describe your volunteer, non-scholastic activities, memberships and cultural interests):

## Recommendations

Please give one of the attached recommendation forms to a faculty member in the major field of study (if applicable) and/or to an organization supervisor, employer, volunteer supervisor or academic advisor.

Please list below those who will submit recommendations:

| Name | Position | College/university/institute/employer |
|------|----------|----------------------------------------|
| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |

## Declaration by Applicant

I will take responsibility for school expenses (such as living, traveling, clothing) which are more than the US$8,000 should I be the recipient of an International Women in Technology Scholarship. I grant permission to Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation to use my name and photograph in the literature designed to promote the Zonta International Women in Technology Scholarship.

I certify that all the information contained in my application form is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that, at the option of the Zonta club sponsoring my application or the Zonta district/region, or Zonta International, I may be interviewed as a candidate for the Zonta International Women in Technology Scholarship. I consent to the electronic or hard copy publication by Zonta International of material in my application.

☐ I confirm that I have not applied to more than one Zonta district.
☐ I confirm that I am not a family member (ancestor, descendant, adoptee, sibling, niece or cousin) of a classified member (club member or individual with direct membership with Zonta International) or a family member of a classified member's spouse or cohabiting partner, and/or employee of Zonta International.

**Signature (required)** _____ **Date** _____
(Insert image of your signature or print, sign and scan this page.)

## Data Protection

Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation take the security of your data seriously. We will never sell, trade or rent your personal information provided in this application to third parties. By submitting this application, you agree to the use of your data in accordance with the *Privacy Policy and Publicity Authorization Form* contained in the application documents (see page11 of the application).

**How did you learn of the Zonta International Women in Technology Scholarship?**

Please check the appropriate items:

☐ Social media
    ☐ Facebook
    ☐ LinkedIn
    ☐ Twitter
☐ Department/teacher
☐ Employer
☐ Directory of grants at university financial aid office
☐ Directory of grants not at university (e.g. public libraries)
☐ Website (name): _____
☐ Zonta club member: _____
☐ Zonta Club of: _____
☐ Other: _____

**Applicant checklist**

Please check all items included with the application:

☐ Completed application in English
☐ Official copies of transcripts (if applicable)
☐ Recommendation letter cover sheets with dates and signatures
☐ Recommendation Letters (2)
☐ Essay (not exceeding 500 words)
☐ Zonta International verification of current enrollment form with official stamp of the college/university/institute or letter from employer stating employment
☐ Signatures

# PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION AND GOALS

**(Please <u>type</u> essay in English.)**

In 500 words or less, please describe your academic and/or professional goals, the relevance of your program in the technology field, and how the Zonta International Women in Technology Scholarship will assist you in reaching your goals. (Essays cannot exceed 500 words to be considered.)

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**THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY**

# Zonta International Recommendation for the Women in Technology Scholarship

**Please return this form by:** _____

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**Applicant's Signature is required (Insert image of your signature or print, sign and scan this page.)**

**Applicant:** _____
Last (Family) Name                    First                    Middle

**Recommendation from:** _____|_____
Name                                              Position/Title

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**College/university/institute/employer**

The applicant above has applied for a Zonta International Women in Technology Scholarship. The Zonta International Women in Technology Scholarship Evaluation Committee greatly values and appreciates your opinion. Please discuss the applicant's accomplishments; current academic program and/or work experience; intellectual independence; capacity for analytical thinking; ability to organize and express ideas clearly; creativity; motivation; and potential for learning and succeeding in the technology related program. You may write your recommendation letter on letterhead of your choice, sign and must submit with this form.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Please rate the applicant with respect to your experience with other students/employees in this field/position:

| ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Exceptional Top 5%** | **Very Good Next 10%** | **Good Next 15%** | **Average Next 30%** | **Below Average Last 40%** | **Insufficient opportunity to observe** |

_____     _____
Signature is required (Insert image of your signature or print, sign and scan this page.)     Date

| Return form to Zonta Club of: | | Address: | | City: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| State/Province: | | Country: | | Postal Code: | |
| Fax: | | Email address: | | | |

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**Applicant:** _____

| Last (Family) Name | First | Middle |

**Recommendation from:** _____  _____

| Name | Position/Title |

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**Exceptional**<br>**Top 5%** | **Very Good**<br>**Next 10%** | **Good**<br>**Next 15%** | **Average**<br>**Next 30%** | **Below Average**<br>**Last 40%** | **Insufficient opportunity**<br>**to observe**

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| State/Province: | | Country: | | Postal Code: | |
| Fax: | | Email address: | | | |

# ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
## EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

# Verification of Current Enrollment

## Women in Technology Scholarship

I certify that _____ is currently enrolled in
<div align="center">(name of student)</div>

_____ in _____
<div align="center">(year of degree program )  (name of course/degree being studied)</div>

at _____
<div align="center">(name of college/university/institute)</div>

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<div align="center">(address college/university/institute)</div>

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<div align="center">(signature of college/university/institute official)</div>

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<div align="center">(**official stamp of the college/university/institute** )</div>

This requirement may be deferred if the application deadline precedes the university/college/institute enrollment period. The applicant must provide written confirmation of the enrollment period with the application.

# Zonta International Women in Technology Scholarship Program

## Privacy Policy and Publicity Authorization

Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation are committed to honoring the privacy and wishes of all of our Women in Technology Scholarship recipients at all times. In order to do this, please read the following information carefully and indicate your agreement as appropriate.

1. Most data collected by Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation is used only to help Zonta better serve its scholarship recipients. It is our general policy to collect and store only personal information that our recipients knowingly provide. Zonta does not sell, trade, or rent your personally identifying information to third parties. Except as described in paragraph two, we take reasonable measures not to disclose personally identifying information about you.

   ☐ I have read the above paragraph and agree to the Terms and Conditions therein.

2. From time to time, Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation conducts various marketing activities to promote the Women in Technology Scholarship Program. In addition, to ensure Zonta's ability to fund the Scholarships, the Zonta International Foundation may from time to time provide information to donors to the Women in Technology Scholarship Fund about recipients of their donations. Zonta retains the right to use your name, photograph and biographical information to promote the Women in Technology Scholarships in various promotional materials, including the website.

   ☐ I have read the above paragraph and agree to the Terms and Conditions therein.

_____     _____
Signature (Insert image of your signature or print, sign and scan this page.)     Date

_____
Please print your name