



## **Meritorious Service Award Guidelines**

The Zonta International Board will consider nominations for special recognition of exceptional member service performed at the international level. Nominations will be considered at Zonta International Board meetings only.

The granting of the awards will be considered very carefully by the Zonta International Board in order that the award will be held in high esteem. Years of service to the organization alone will not be the basis for the award.

Examples of action meriting such recognition are:

- Outstanding Zonta leadership at the international level. This is not generally applicable to officers or directors currently serving in office.
- Remarkable, successful efforts in membership, service, PR or other Zonta activities at the international level.
- Activities which have created a legacy for the organization which has resulted in other unspecified areas.

Such actions should be detailed in the nomination form. The Zonta International Board will be the sole judge of whether the actions and achievements described rise to the level of the *Zonta International Meritorious Service Award*.

Nominees should not be advised in advance of the nomination because approval is not certain since this award is awarded very selectively.

A special individualized certificate, appropriate for presentation, will be provided for approved recipients. It is recommended that the governor will present the award at a district conference. However, whenever possible, an international board member may also share in the presentation in their official capacity with no additional costs to Zonta.

Recognition at the Zonta International Convention and other country, district or appropriate venues will be at the discretion of the international board.

► *The Meritorious Service Award Nomination Form*

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