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(Applications may be photocopied or downloaded from Website)

## Application for Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Award (2003)

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Current year of study: 2002-2003

### PERSONAL GOALS

Please describe your anticipated course of study and current career interests, including how you plan to continue to be active in volunteer or community organizations.

When I have finished College this Summer I got to Business College for a Year Then I go to military for 2 Years. After having worked in foreign Countries for some Years and been on a folk high school want to study psychology.

After this I go to police Academy or get a job, where I work with people. My plan concerning voluntary work in the future

I want to continue with my job in "Selvhjælp Syd" and I would like to try working with the Danish Red Cross or other forms of

Voluntary work

### DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I certify that all of the information contained in my application form is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I did not receive assistance in completing the essay portions of this application. I understand that, at the option of the Zonta club sponsoring the competition, I may be interviewed as a candidate for the Young Women in Public Affairs Award. I consent to the review and release of this application to the appropriate persons of Zonta International.

20th February 2003

Date

Marianne B. Larsen

Signature

**Question**

**Maximum Points**

**1. Student Activities**

**(20)**

Describe your student activities and the leadership role you play in them.

Please include what you find most rewarding or valuable about your participation in these activities.

*(no more than 300 words)*

I have not any leader role in the Scholl, but within sport and in my voluntary job with "Selvhjælp Syd". I have been a footballcoach for girls for some years. I taught them how to play and the rules of the game. It was hard but fun too. This summer I start on a aerobic instructor course. At the same time I will be instruct for a team. I have played football for 12 years and joined aerobic team for 3 years. As a coach and practitioner I have got a lot challenges and goals to work for.

On April the 4. I am going to give lecture in school about eating disorders which my voluntary is about

**2. Community Service Activities**

**(20)**

Describe the activities in which you participate that benefit your community.

Why you selected these activities?

*(no more than 300 words)*

About a Year and a half ago I stared the Association "Selvhjælp Syd" in the South of Jutland, which help people with eating disorders and support their relatives.

I got the idea, because I have had an eating disorder myself. Most of us in "Selvhjælp Syd" have had an eating disorder and know how hard and painful it is and how important it is to get help. We inform people through the media, the newspapers, internet and by lectures.

We also inform hospitals, doctors and the psychologists. We would like to work together with them.

### 3. International Awareness

(10)

Describe the activities you participate in and the ways you seek to understand other countries, with their different customs and ways of life.

*(no more than 300 words)*

I do not take part in activities outside Denmark yet, but I have an opinion about what is happening in the world.

I love to travel around and find other cultures and countries exciting. I always seek contact with the inhabitants because I find it interesting to hear about their traditions and experience their country and culture.

I try to go into their place and understand their situation and their life

### 4. Status of Women in your Country

(30)

- a) What do you see as the most important problem(s) (no more than two) limiting the advancement of the status of women in your country?
- b) What do you think could be done about it?
- c) If you had the power to make one change to help women achieve better equality, what would that change be?

*(no more than 500 words)*

The equality in Denmark is going in the right direction, but still some things can be improved.

The pay for typical women jobs (nurse, teacher) is still in the bad end of the pay list. Women may have problems to get a job if they want to have children, and if they get children they may not come back to their old job after the maternity leave. A solution to these problems could be:

More information about the education. How important nurses are. If they were better paid, there would not be a shortage of nurses, teachers etc.

Maybe the maternity leave could be divided between men and women and then the women would have easier to get their job after work. This could happen if husband and wife get equal pay.

If I had the power I would change the law about maternity leave. I would make a campaign and statistics to show that women are able to have the same jobs as men

## 5. Status of Women Worldwide

(20)

- a) What do you see as the most important problem(s) (no more than two) limiting the status of women worldwide?
- b) What do you think could be done about it? You may include your opinion about the role of international organizations like the UN, with the help of NGOs worldwide, and/or the input of each individual woman.

*(no more than 500 words)*

Women status in many countries is limited by the oppression of women by man.

It is very hard for women to get an education and job, and therefore they can't pay for their own living.

Most women don't go out. Not without surveillance by their husband, an uncle or a cousin.

In many countries the parents can't support their family and then they sell their daughters, but keep their sons, because the boys are good workers. The parents take no consideration of girls' feelings or wishes.

A solution to the problems could be:

I think it's difficult to prevent these things to happen.

Maybe information about women's rights and education to the women can make them stronger. I fear a revolution or a rebellion is the only thing that could change the situation and then the UN have to be there as support to the man and women.'

Unfortunately I can't see any easier solutions, because the men's power is too strong.

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### Verification of Current Enrollment

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I certify that Marianne Balleby Larsen is currently enrolled in  
(name)

2 HF at Aabenraa Gymnasium og HF  
(grade level) (name of school)

FORSTALLE 14, 6200 AABENRAA  
(school address)

20/2-2003  
Date



Signature of School Official

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(Official School Stamp)



Please return this form by 21. February  
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## Young Women In Public Affairs Award Recommendation

Applicant: LARSEN MARIANNE BALLEBY  
Last (Family Name) First Middle

Recommendation from: CHRISTIAN LUNGER LEKTOR  
Name (please print) Position/Title  
VILLY MAARBJERG INSPEKTØR

### Recommendation for Applicant for Zonta International Young Women In Public Affairs Award

The applicant above has applied for a Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Award. Please discuss the applicant's accomplishments, motivation, potential for public service and awareness of women's and community issues.

This recommendation must be mailed directly to the address listed above.

Marianne Balleby Larsen is in her last year of Higher Preparatory Education at Aabenraa Gymnasium and HF.

As a student, Marianne

- has shown great enthusiasm and independent involvement in subjects concerning psychological and social matters
- has due to constructive use of her strong will and self-discipline been through an essential and positive personal development during her time at the school
- has in a positive way been able to connect her engagement and activities inside and outside school
- has recently initiated that an arrangement about eating disorders be held at the school in Marts this year. Being the leader of a voluntary self-help group for people – especially girls – suffering from eating disorders, Marianne is in charge of this arrangement. Her urge to speak about this theme for all the students at the school primarily derives from her own experience of suffering from severe eating disorder. She is aware that eating disorder is a widely spread problem and knows how important it is to get help, and this is what she wants to tell her fellow students.

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Signature/ Title

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## Young Women In Public Affairs Award Recommendation

Applicant: LARSEN MARIANNE BALLEBY  
Last (Family Name) First Middle

Recommendation from: KAREN MARGRETHE FINN GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR  
Name (please print) Position/Title

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Marianne Balleby Larsen is a second-year student and due to finish her Higher Preparatory Exam this summer.

In many ways Marianne has been an average student who does what she is expected to do when at school. In the beginning her fellow students and teachers may have considered Marianne somehow reserved, however, it turned out that Marianne was greatly engaged in voluntary work outside school. Her major concern was to set up a self-help group for young people – especially girls – who suffer from eating disorder. Marianne was the initiator of this group and has worked hard to encourage other girls to volunteer as peer workers. Marianne is still the leader of the self-help group and due to her commitment and strong will she has managed to make the group stay alive and she is trying to make specialist groups like doctors, psychologists and social workers recognise the value of the group's work for those suffering from severe eating disorder.

As a Guidance Counsellor I quite frequently meet girls with eating disorders and clearly acknowledges their need for assistance. Thus I see Marianne's voluntary work as being of great value to these girls, not least her initiative to speak about the problem of eating disorder at an arrangement at our school.

20/2-2003

Date

Karen Margrethe Finn, Guidance Counsellor

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Aabenraa March 2. nd 2003

Zonta International  
District 13  
Governor Maria Østergård

It is a pleasure to Sønderborg Zontaclub to present to District 13 our nominee for YWPA, Marianne Balleby Larsen. She is a young woman with a great potential. For a period of time she was seriously ill herself, but she recovered and decided to help others who suffer from anorexia. She got into contact with the social security system and formed a group of volunteers, Every Monday young women and girls can come to Marianne and her group to ask questions and to talk and be sure they are listened to. Marianne has arranged meetings at highschools where information is given on this serious disease. The local papers have written about her initiative.

She presented herself at a club meeting in February. Her presentation was mature, well balanced and given with a touch of humour. She is very dedicated to help young women. Our club members had no doubt at all, that she works in the true Zonta spirit, and we want to give her our club prize 2003 and at the same time send her application to District 13, hoping that she also will be the district winner.

Sincerely yours

Eva Nielsen  
Club President Sønderborg Zontaclub

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