



ZONTA CLUB OF ASHTABULA AREA ANNOUNCES THE JMK WOMEN IN BUSINESS AWARD OPPORTUNITY

Women have made great strides in the pursuit of education, careers, and leadership roles they were once denied. However, they still comprise a minority of leaders in the business world. As of December 2022, 32% of S&P 500 companies' board seats are occupied by women, and just 7.4% of the companies' CEOs are women.

Because Zonta International believes in gender equality, the Jane M. Klausman (JMK) Women in Business Scholarship program helps women pursue undergraduate and master's degrees in business management and overcome gender barriers from the classroom to the boardroom. The Zonta Foundation for Women awarded the first Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships in 1998 to women pursuing degrees in business leading to a business management career. Jane M. Klausman was a member of the Zonta Club of Syracuse, New York, USA, and the 1990-1995 Zonta International Parliamentarian. During her career, Ms. Klausman was a professional secretary, parliamentarian, and entrepreneur.

The program operates at the Zonta club, district/region, and international levels. Zonta International offers 37 international scholarships of US\$5,000. Each district/region may submit one applicant for consideration for an international scholarship. The five largest districts may submit a second applicant for a total of two applicants.

Since the program's inception, Zonta has awarded 713 scholarships, totaling more than US\$1.8 million, to 559 women representing 70 countries.

When each Zonta Club recipient is selected the applicant's application is then sent to the District governor, the District awardee is then moved to the Zonta International competition for the \$5000 award. The Official announcement of international recipients will be made in December.

The application process must start with a Zonta club, such as the Zonta Club of Ashtabula Area. All application materials must be received by the Zonta Club of Ashtabula Area by the deadline of April 10, 2023, either in the P.O. Box 616 or emailed to zonta5ashtabula@yahoo.com.