

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
ZONTA CLUB OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

January 7, 2019

Dear Guidance Counselor

**Re: Award opportunity for students performing community service
Jean M. Coon Humanitarian Award**

The Zonta Club of Albany is enclosing an application form for the Zonta International District 2 Jean M. Coon Humanitarian Award. Applications are being solicited from area public, private and parochial schools. The award is given for outstanding community service. Academic achievement is NOT a factor in selection of the recipient.

Nominee(s), male or female, must be high school juniors or seniors. A certificate and monetary award of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) is presented to the winning candidate by the Zonta Club of Albany in the spring of each year.

This year's award will be presented on Wednesday, April 10th, 2019.

Please send completed application forms by the DEADLINE of February 15th, 2019 to:

**Zonta Club of Albany
Mrs. Ann Lala
237 West Bentwood Court
Albany, NY 12203**

If you have any questions, please call 518-456-1779 or 518-461-5156 or email to annclala45@gmail.com.

Sincerely,


Ann Lala
Award Co-Chairman

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL - DISTRICT 2
JEAN M. COON HUMANITARIAN AWARD
APPLICATION FORM 2019

Students Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No. (include Area Code) _____

E-mail Address _____

Grade Level: Junior () Senior ()

Name of High School: _____

Address: _____

Tel. Number (include Area Code) _____

1. Why do you perform community service and why did you select your specific community service projects? (Not more than 100 words)

2. Briefly describe up to three (3) of the Community Service projects you have performed and the impact you believe that this service project has had on your community and the targeted community if it is different from your local community. (Up to 400 words)

Name: _____

Please write the brief essays on the cover sheet and, on this and the following sheet, list and describe your community service both required community service and voluntary community service, using additional paper if necessary. Please list your required service, if any, separately. Please attach a letter/statement from your principal, guidance counselor, class teacher or an official of a not-for-profit group who is familiar with your community service stating that the description of your service activities reflects adequately the nature of the service that you have carried out.

Be sure to include a description of the community service, positions held (if in an organization, church group, etc.), approximate number of hours per week, month, or year that you have served. If a "one time" event, describe your role and time spent. List any achievements in your voluntary service. If you are still volunteering service to an organization, provide the start date and state that it is ongoing. The number of hours for the activity should be as of the date that you send in this application.

Example: "Two (2) hours per week teaching church school – 10 hours per year. Ring bell for Salvation Army two 4 hour slots + 8 hours per year. Reading to a blind man 3 hours per week (month, year) from January 3rd to March 10th = 30 hours to date."

1. Number of hours of required service credit performed: _____

The number of hours included here should include any service hours which you must perform to meet a graduation requirement required by your school or any religious organization.

For example, if your school requires 10 hours of community service as a graduation requirement or if you are a candidate for confirmation and your church requires you to perform a certain number of hours of community service as part of your preparation for confirmation, please include these hours of service here.

If you have no required service, please go directly to number 2, below.

Following the general instructions above, please list the service projects you performed to meet your service requirement(s):

Name: _____

2. **Number of service hours performed in conjunction with a school club or school service project which are not listed in number 1, above:** _____

Please list these service projects, following the general instructions above:

3. **Number of service hours for outside service projects:** _____

(Outside service projects are service projects which you perform which are not connected with your school. These service projects may be performed in conjunction with a religious organization, community organization or completely on your own.)

Please list these service projects, following the general instructions above:

Signature/Title of Principal/Guidance Counselor or Not-for-Profit Representative

**ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 2
JEAN M. COON HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

**RECOMMENDATION LETTER from: PRINCIPAL, GUIDANCE COUNSELOR, TEACHER or
NOT-FOR-PROFIT REPRESENTATIVE**

PLEASE USE THIS FORMAT

JEAN W. COON AWARD

Who was Jean M. Coon?

Jean McCoy Coon was educated in the Syracuse New York area. A graduate of Syracuse University, cum laude 1951, she continued her education at Syracuse Law School, graduating magna cum laude in 1953.

Jean's legal career began as Legal Counsel for Municipal Affairs in the New York State Comptroller's Office. Returning to the Syracuse area when her father was ill, Jean served for a year as Deputy Clerk to the Children's Court of Onondaga County. After her father's death, she returned to the Albany area and, in 1956, joined the N.Y. S. Assembly staff as a Research Counsel. In 1957, Jean became an Assistant Attorney General in the N.Y.S. Department of Law. In 1971 she became Assistant Solicitor General for New York State. She ended her career as Deputy Counsel for the N.Y. S. Education Department.

Jean argued many precedent setting cases in the New York State Court of Appeals and her reputation among the bar and the judiciary was unparalleled.

Jean joined the Zonta Club of Saratoga County in 1962, transferring from the Zonta Club of Syracuse. She served as the Governor of District 2 and was Parliamentarian of the Zonta International Board from 1979-1980. She served as Chairman of the Zonta International By-Law Committee.

An active member of her Ballston Spa community, her humanitarian efforts were always with a small "h" and never self-serving. Good things just happened and most people never knew that Jean was the impetus behind the results.

In 1982, Jean died at age 52. Shortly thereafter, District 2 established the District 2 Jean M. Coon Humanitarian Award to honor her many achievements.

Who May Apply

Each Zonta Club in District 2 solicits applications from high school juniors and seniors in its area. In the spring, each club selects a club award winner. Each club winner becomes a District finalist. The Award is announced

in May and presented at the District II Conference or Seminar in October of every year.

How to Apply

Application forms are mailed to local school guidance counselors in the late fall. You may also contact your local Zonta Club. Your local club president can be found by visiting the District 2 website at: www.zontadistrict2.org

All application materials must be received at the Zonta club by the deadline indicated. 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 www.zonta.org.