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**Ruth Maddox Young Women in
Science, Technology, Engineering
and Math (YW in STEM)**

2026 APPLICATION



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Ruth Maddox Young Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Award

A Zonta Club of Dallas Program, Funded by the Zonta Club of Dallas Foundation

General Information

The goal of the Zonta Club of Dallas Ruth Maddox Young Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (YWinSTEM) Program is to encourage more young women to participate in science, technology, engineering and math by committing to a higher education curriculum in science, technology, engineering and/or math, while also encouraging leadership achievements in science, technology, engineering and/or math and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women.

In order for more women to be represented in key decision making positions worldwide, we must encourage young women to pursue careers, and seek leadership positions in science, technology, engineering and math and further their education with these aims in view.

The progress of women in the last century has dramatically increased the opportunities available to women, yet women's participation in positions of leadership in science, technology, engineering and math continues to lag behind. While women make up 48% of the U.S. workforce, their share of STEM jobs remains significantly lower. In 2022, women held just over 26% of U.S. STEM positions, a figure that increased by only one percentage point since 2000. In engineering, tech fields and academia, women account for about 30% of the higher level and leadership positions.

The Awards

Zonta Club of Dallas provides this \$1500 award to qualified recipient(s) through the Zonta Club of Dallas Charitable Trust Foundation.

Who is Eligible?

Women aged 16-19 years and living or studying in the Dallas area at the time the application is submitted to the Zonta Club of Dallas and demonstrate evidence of the following, are eligible to apply.

- Currently attending high school in the Dallas area and on track to graduate at end of Spring 2026 semester
- **Confirmed full time attendance in a science, technology, engineering and/or math curriculum at an accredited university/college/institute for the Fall 2026 semester**
- Academic Achievement
- Experience in local or student science, technology, engineering and/or math clubs/organizations
- Volunteer/community involvement leadership achievements.
- Knowledge of Zonta International and its programs.

Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply. Applicants for the 2026 Zonta Club of Dallas Ruth Maddox Young Women in STEM Award may not also apply for the 2026 Zonta Club of Dallas Denise Kirkman Young Women in Business Leadership Award or the 2026 Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award.

Application Requirements

- Completion of the official application
- Verification of current enrollment by school official.
- Two confidential recommendations from adults, not related to the applicant, such as teachers, school officials or community leaders.

Supporting documentation not requested will not be considered. All applications and supporting information become the property of Zonta Club of Dallas. Zonta Club of Dallas has final authority over any aspect of the Awards.

Please give one of the attached recommendation forms to those providing recommendations. IF THE RECOMMENDATION WILL BE SENT SEPARATELY FROM THE APPLICATION THEN APPLICANT NEEDS TO PROVIDE THE NAME OF THOSE WHO WILL SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS WITH THE APPLICATION. ANY RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION MUST CONTAIN RECOMMENDER SIGNATURE (not typed name).

Application process

All application materials must be **received** at zontaywinstem@yahoo.com (as either a plain PDF or word document) by April 17, 2026.



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Application for Ruth Maddox Young Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (YW in STEM) Award

Send applications and direct questions to:

c/o: _____
Address: _____
City/State: _____
Telephone: _____
Email Address: _____

ZONTA Club of Dallas

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Applications and other required

documents will only be accepted via email

908-803-4191

zontaywinstem@yahoo.com

Application Deadline: April 17, 2026
(received by deadline)

Name: _____

Last (Family)

First (Given)

Middle

Present Mailing Address: _____

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

Telephone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Citizenship: _____

Name of School currently attending: _____

Address of School currently attending: _____

Planned Graduation date and current GPA _____

University attending/accepted to in fall _____

University major _____

PERSONAL GOALS

Please describe in short your anticipated course of study and current career interests, including whether and how you plan to be active in volunteer or community organizations. (150 words maximum) Please provide the word count at the end of your answer.

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 of Dallas, I may be interviewed as a candidate for the Ruth Maddox Young Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Award. I consent to the use of my photo and material in my application in electronic or hard copy publication by Zonta Club of Dallas.

Date

Signature (TYPED OR PRINTED NAME – not accepted)



Privacy Policy and Publicity Authorization

The Zonta Club of Dallas (ZCD) is committed to honoring the privacy and wishes of all of our Ruth Maddox Young Women in STEM Award 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 Club of Dallas is used only to help ZCD better serve its award recipients. It is our general policy to collect and store only personal information that our recipients knowingly provide. ZCD 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.
(Initials)

2. From time to time, Zonta Club of Dallas conducts various marketing activities to promote the Ruth Maddox Young Women in STEM Award Program. In addition, to ensure ZCD's ability to fund the scholarships, ZCD may from time to time provide information about the recipients. ZCD retains the right to use your name, photograph and biographical information to promote the Ruth Maddox Young Women in STEM Award in various promotional materials, including the website.

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

Please answer all questions below, noting the word limit for each. Preference will be given to those applicants who observe the word restrictions. **In evaluating applications all questions are rated in equal value.**

Question

1. Why Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Math is your passion?

Please include what you find most rewarding or valuable about your participation in these activities. *(200 words maximum)*. Please provide the word count at the end of your answer.

2. What do you want to achieve through your pursuit of science, technology, engineering and/or math?

Describe your goals in pursuing a science, technology, engineering and/or math major/curriculum at an accredited university/college.

(200 words maximum) Please provide the word count at the end of your answer.

3. Science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities or interest

Describe the activities you participate in that support science, technology, engineering and/or math. Include any leadership positions or innovations you initiated. *(200 words maximum)* Please provide the word count at the end of your answer.

4. Volunteer/community involvement activities or interest

Describe the activities you participate in that show your support of the world around you or benefit your community. Include any leadership positions and describe any national or international experience. *(200 words maximum)* Please provide the word count at the end of your answer.

Checklist to be completed by applicant:

- ☐ Verification of current enrollment by school official
- ☐ Completed application materials, typed and in English including Applicant's signature and date
- ☐ Two confidential recommendations
- ☐ Privacy Policy and Publicity Authorization – Initial as applicable, sign and date



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**Recommendation for
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Please return this form to be received **April 17, 2026**
by:

To Zonta club of: Dallas

Email: zontaywinstem@yahoo.com

Applicant:

Last (Family) Name

First

Middle

Recommendation from:

Name (please print)

Position/Title

**Recommendation for Applicant for Zonta Club of Dallas Ruth Maddox Young Women in Science,
Technology, Engineering and Math Award**

The applicant above has applied for a Zonta Club of Dallas Ruth Maddox Young Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Award. Please discuss the applicant's accomplishments, motivation, potential for excelling in a science, technology, engineering and/or math major/curriculum at an accredited university/college. **The recommendation must be signed, or emailed directly to the address above, by the recommender.**

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**Verification of Current Enrollment and GPA
Ruth Maddox Young Women in Science, Technology,
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Please return this form by: April 17, 2026
To Zonta club of: Dallas
Email: zontaywinstem@yahoo.com

School: _____

I certify that _____ is scheduled to graduate
(name)

on _____ at _____
(graduation date) (name of school)

(school address)

Date Signature of School Official

(Official School Stamp)