

Zonta Invites Preliminary Applications for 2017 Grants

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The Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida, the non-profit arm of the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva, is seeking preliminary applications from 501(c)(3) organizations in Southwest Florida for the grant cycle that begins in the fall, with distribution of grants in early 2017, funds raised in the most recent “A Peek at the Unique.”

The mission of Zonta is to empower women and girls through service, advocacy and funding. To this end, the club and foundation focus on health, education, safety and self-sufficiency for women and girls, helping them acquire the tools to achieve personal and professional growth, self-determination, and self-worth; promoting understanding of women’s legal rights; and encouraging an atmosphere of safety and accomplishment.

Successful grant applications will be on mission, i.e. focusing on one or more of these aspects of empowering women: for example, a successful application might focus on educating a woman for employment. They will also be **specific**, with measureable outcomes. In addition, applications must gain the support of a Zonta member who will act as liaison/champion throughout the grant cycle. Since Zonta is non-sectarian, applications from organizations with a faith-based connection will not be considered.

For preliminary applications that meet these criteria, final, detailed applications will be distributed at the beginning of October, with a submission deadline of October 28. Typical grants are in the range of \$5,000-\$10,000; however, these are not minimum or maximum amounts. An innovative project proposed by an established organization could garner larger support.

Preliminary applications are due by July 29, 2016. To download an application, visit www.zontasancap.com. Find the link on the Home Page for “Preliminary Application.” Email the completed application to info@zontasancap.com.

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The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva is a service organization of professional women working together to provide hands-on assistance, advocacy and funds to strengthen women’s lives on the islands, in Lee County and around the world through Zonta International.