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144 Genesee St., Suite 102-270, Auburn, NY 13021

January 14, 2019

To: High School Guidance Counselors

From: Marianne R. Berman
Local/International Awards Committee Chairperson
Zonta Club of Auburn

Re: **Award Opportunity for Students Performing Community Service**
Jean M. Coon Humanitarian Award

The Zonta Club of Auburn 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. This award is given for outstanding community service. Academic achievement is not a factor in selecting a winner. Applicants may access additional award information @ www.Zontadistrict2.org.

Nominee(s) must be high school juniors or seniors. A certificate and monetary award of \$1,000 is given at a special presentation dinner.

The local winner's application is then sent to District 2 to be considered for the District Award. This winner is announced in June of each year. The District Award winner is then presented in October at the Zonta International District 2 Conference.

Please send completed application forms **TO THE ADDRESS BELOW** by **March 8, 2019:**

Mrs. Marianne Berman
5323 West Lake Road
Auburn, NY 13021

Sincerely,

Marianne R. Berman, Award Chairperson (berman_marianne@yahoo.com)



JEAN M. COON HUMANITARIAN AWARD
APPLICATION FORM - 2019

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No. (Include Area Code) _____

E-mail Address _____

Grade Level: Junior () Senior ()

Name of High School: _____

Address: _____

Tel. Number (include Area Code) _____

Essay Question Instructions: Write the required essays on the enclosed sheet. If additional space is needed, a separate sheet may be used. Include name, page and question number on any additional sheet(s).

Applications may be filed electronically. Check with the local Zonta club for the appropriate address.

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

Name: _____

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. List your required service, if any, separately. 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



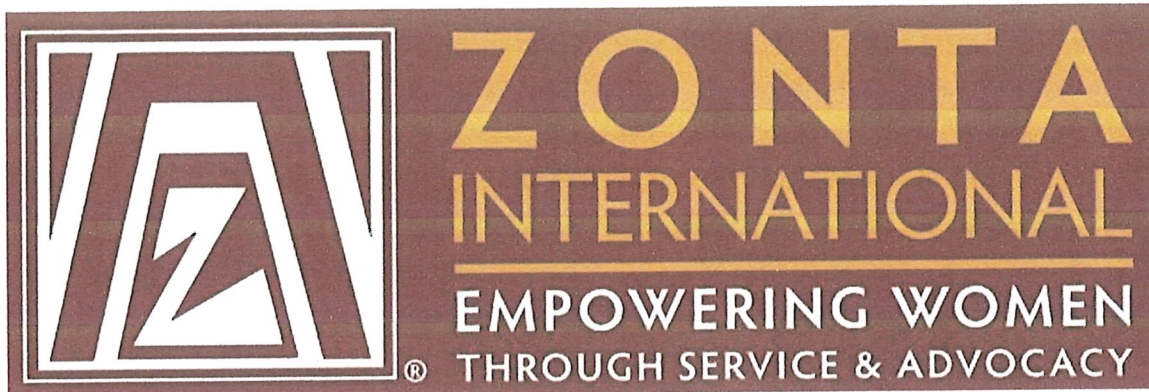
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**RECOMMENDATION LETTER from: PRINCIPAL, GUIDANCE COUNSELOR, TEACHER or
NOT-FOR-PROFIT REPRESENTATIVE.**

LETTERS MUST INCLUDE THE APPLICANT'S PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICE.

PLEASE USE THIS FORMAT



JEAN M. COON HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Community Service Award for High School Juniors & Seniors

Who was Jean M. Coon?

Jean McCoy Coon was a graduated cum laude from Syracuse University in 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-Laws 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, and to continue her example of doing good for others.