

## **Young Professional Membership Answers to Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is a young professional membership?**

A young professional membership is a category of membership for individuals who are the legal age of majority but have not yet reached 30 years of age. The legal age of majority varies by country and/or state. In the State of Illinois, the legal age of majority is 18 years of age.

### **What are the dues for a young professional membership?**

The annual cost of a Zonta International membership is US\$80. Young professional members have the opportunity to join Zonta International for US\$40 per year plus a one-time new member fee of US\$15. Full district, area and club dues still apply unless the district, area or club decides otherwise.

### **At what point is a club member no longer eligible for a young professional membership?**

A club member is eligible for a young professional membership until 31 May in the year that she/he reaches 30 years of age, after which the membership will transition to full club membership upon payment of full international dues.

### **Is the young professional membership category a permanent category?**

A pilot program in the 2016-2018 Biennium, the young professional membership was approved as a permanent membership category by the 2018 Zonta International Convention.

### **When is the young professional membership available?**

The young professional membership is available now for new members. Current members who meet the age requirements may renew at the young professional membership rate for 2018-2019, but no refunds will be given for previous years.

### **How does a new member who is eligible for a young professional membership submit her/his international dues?**

Club officers should use the same Member Report Form (Form B) that is used for regular members. Check the 'Young Professional' box to indicate that the new member qualifies for the young professional membership. The 'Dues Information' section of the form lists the dues amount for a new young professional member.

### **What occupation classification should be applied for new members joining under the young professional membership category?**

Young professional members should use the classification code that most closely applies to their profession. If they are a student or volunteer, use code 7000 – Student (University, College).



## **Why are young professional members required to submit a birth date when applying for a young professional membership?**

Young professionals are required to have their birth date on file, so that Headquarters can confirm eligibility for the young professional membership category. Current members who are younger than 30 years old, but are not currently categorized as a young professional member can transfer to a young professional membership by notifying ZI of their birth date.

## **What benefits do young professional members receive?**

Young professional members have the same access to all Zonta resources and the same rights and responsibilities as any other club member, but pay a reduced rate of half the regular dues rate.

## **Can a Golden Z Club member become a young professional member?**

Former Golden Z Club members are always welcome to join a club or as an individual member in the young professional category.