

Individual Membership

Frequently Asked Questions for Prospective Members

We are delighted that you are interested in learning more about Zonta and hope that you will support us through becoming a member or donating to our Foundation. Zonta has been actively promoting and empowering women for nearly 100 years. In November 2019, more than 29,500 members worldwide will celebrate our 100th birthday,

Why join Zonta?

- You will make a difference globally and locally by joining with others who share Zonta's vision.
- We believe in making the world a better place by working towards gender equality in a supportive community of like-minded people.
- We empower women!

What are the types of membership in Zonta International?

Zonta offers you two types of membership:

- **Club membership**
You can join one of our more than 1,100 Zonta clubs in 63 countries or one of 10 e-Clubs. Both meet monthly. Members connect and deliver projects and advocacy on a local, country or district level. Find a Zonta club at <https://www.zonta.org/Local-Action/Locate-a-Club>.
- **Individual membership**
If you are unable to commit to club membership, you can become a member of Zonta International directly. You can participate in activities and campaigns to bring about change, attend international and regional events and connect with members worldwide. You will also receive critical updates on issues facing women in the world and information on the activities of Zonta International.

Can I contribute to discussion and learn more about the challenges facing women in the world?

Yes, Zonta hosts discussions and distributes information on the status of women in the world through e-Newsletters, social media and our membership networks. Zonta members actively participate at the United Nations, Council of Europe and key women's forums where our voice is sought and heard. All members around the world are invited to join the Zonta group that attends the United Nations Commission of the Status of Women annually in March in New York City, USA.

Will I experience the international aspect of Zonta?

Absolutely. Key reasons for joining Zonta are: the strength and impact of our large and geographically wide membership and networks, Zonta's mission, and our ability to positively influence and achieve change. If you are interested in being a global citizen and creating change for all women wherever they reside, then Zonta is the organization for you.

Are there any requirements to be a member of Zonta?

All individuals are welcome to join Zonta as long as they believe in and agree to the organization's objects, mission and vision of empowering women through service and advocacy. We are nonpartisan and nonsectarian, meaning Zonta is not aligned to any political party or religion.

We are a member organization and operate in our framework of governing documents, including bylaws and policies. Zonta members adhere to the principles of honesty and trustworthiness. We strive to have a community that is inclusive and respecting of one another. Finding joy in working together to empower women is essential for us. We champion human rights. Individual members who do not adhere to these values may be asked to relinquish their membership.

Am I required to attend meetings?

There are no meeting requirements for individual members; however, you are encouraged to attend our international Convention if you can. The next one will celebrate our centennial and will be held in Chicago, USA, 4 to 8 July 2020. You can also be linked with other members before then. When you join, you will be asked if you agree to be contacted by the leaders of the Zonta district closest to where you reside so that you can be made aware of advocacy activities, conferences and special events you may want to participate in. This communication is entirely optional.

Am I required to make a donation to the Zonta International Foundation?

Contributions to the foundation are completely at the discretion of the individual. You may wish to support Zonta's international projects and education programs. Our current signature project is championing the [end of child marriage globally](#). We also have major initiatives centered on [supporting Syrian refugee women and Jordanian women](#) in Jordan, building schools and supporting [girls' education in Madagascar](#) as well as [educational scholarships and awards](#). Making a legacy gift to our Endowment Fund or making a provision in your estate plans are also great possibilities to support our work.

Am I required to do service?

There is no requirement that you undertake service.

Can I support the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign?

Zonta's global campaign, **Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women**, is a perfect activity for individual members. You can decide how best you can champion this campaign. There is a social media toolkit that you can use to raise awareness of, and speak out about, violence against women and girls during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. Joining with other like-minded people and organizations on advocacy initiatives or supporting a local women's shelter are other examples of engagement.

Can I attend the Zonta International Convention?

Yes. Every two years, Zonta holds an International Convention. Past locations include Yokohama, Japan; Nice, France; Orlando, Florida; Torino, Italy and more. The next Convention is 4-8 July 2020 in Chicago. You may fully enjoy all aspects of Convention, excluding the right to vote, which is currently reserved for delegates of Zonta clubs.

Can I transfer my individual membership to a club in the future?

Yes. By becoming a member today, you can begin to enjoy the benefits of Zonta membership and get to know like-minded individuals from all over the world. If you decide you would like to meet face-to-face or through an e-club, we are happy to connect you to a local club or an e-club

that meets electronically. Your join date will begin the moment you become a Zonta member and it will remain with you wherever you move in the world.

Will I appear in the Zonta International online member directory?

Yes, unless you opt out. All members appear in the member-only Zonta online directory unless they 'opt out'. This option is provided in your membership form. The directory is provided for connecting with other Zontians for the purpose of Zonta business, mutual support and fellowship. It is not to be used to obtain business. If it is used for solicitation purposes, then the member will immediately be asked to leave Zonta. Please refer to Zonta International's Data Protection Policy to more fully understand the operations of our online member directory

Can I read Zonta's Data Protection Policy?

Yes. Zonta takes data protection seriously. We never sell or share our lists with anyone unless they are a vendor engaged in carrying out the business of Zonta (such as supporting our databases, working on convention, etc.). [Please read our policy](#) and email memberrecords@zonta.org if you have further questions.

If you believe in our mission but now is not a good time to join us, how else can you support Zonta?

Thank you for supporting our mission. You can follow us on social media and lend your support to our campaigns and initiatives. You can also donate to our global education and service projects, which are funded almost exclusively from our membership. Every two years, Zonta awards more than 1 million US Dollars in scholarships and awards to women in aerospace-applied sciences and engineering, technology, business and public affairs. From 2018 to 2020, Zonta will also contribute 4 million US Dollars to projects to empower women and girls. These initiatives are delivered primarily through UN agencies. Our current signature project is championing the end of child marriage globally. We also have major initiatives to support Syrian refugee and Jordanian women in Jordan and to build schools and support girls' education in Madagascar. Learn more about all our programs at <https://foundation.zonta.org/>.