



Zonta International District 16

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

Massey University Student wins prestigious Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Scholarship



Valeria Kern from Massey University was named the recipient of a prestigious Zonta International Jane M Klausman Woman in Business Scholarship for 2009.

The Zonta International Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarships, first awarded in 1998, are open to women pursuing an undergraduate degree in business leading to a business management career. The \$US5000 scholarship is awarded annually to 12 students worldwide of outstanding achievement and future potential in their 3rd or 4th year of undergraduate study.

Valeria Kern is a 3rd year student studying a Bachelor of Business Studies degree majoring in Accounting and Finance at Massey University, Albany. Valeria intends to complete her Chartered Accountancy qualification, before progressing to post-graduate study, and her ultimate goal is to one day own an accounting or business advisory firm. Valeria was born in Germany and spent most of her younger years living in Berlin, where she developed a mastery of foreign languages and a love of music. Valeria is also a proficient violinist, a member of the Auckland Youth Symphony Orchestra, and teacher of classical music to children in her rural community in Matakoho in Northland.

The Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship was established in 1998 as a result of a generous bequest left by Jane Klausman, a Zonta member from New York, USA, and successful businesswoman in her own right. Jane Klausman recognised that significant barriers to achievement existed for women in the business world and wished to support young women seeking a business career. The scholarship is prestigious and remains the only scholarship provided by Zonta International on a global basis for undergraduate students. Since 1998, Zonta has awarded 175 scholarships to women in 39 countries. To be eligible to enter for the international scholarship, the applicant must first have been nominated by a local Zonta Club and have won the District (New Zealand) Jane M. Klausman round.

Applications for the 2010 Zonta International Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarships open in January 2010. More information and applications forms are available from by contacting your nearest Zonta Club which can be located via www.zonta.org.nz, or from university scholarship offices.