

Proposal of a prize award in accordance with WIT Zonta D28 STEM AWARD

Background

- District 28 currently has **no** [WIT award \(link ZI\)](#). After the pilot in 2018/2020 ZI decided for 2020/2022 to have a WIT scholarship only on ZI level. The ZI WIT currently is **only for information technology**.

Rational

Zonta District 28 would like to offer the **Zonta D28 STEM Award**

- to encourage women to pursue education, career opportunities and leadership roles in technology.
- the term technology is used more broadly to encompass all STEM subjects. STEM = **S**cience **T**echnology **E**ngineering **M**athematics)
- It is intended as an award instead of the scholarship (payment only once)
- Awardees of the D28 STEM Award can also apply for the ZI WIT scholarship in the following year (as long as their field is information science > ZI will discuss it at the Convention 2022)
- The same award (with differences in the prize money) will be offered in D14 and D30

Details of applications for Zonta D28 STEM Award

Who is Eligible?

- Women of any age and nationality, pursuing a degree in STEM at an accredited university/college/institute, who demonstrate outstanding academic record during their academic studies in STEM.
- Students must be enrolled in at least the second year of an undergraduate program through the final year of a Master's program at the time the application is submitted to the local Zonta club. Applicants must still be in school at the time the awards are disbursed and must not graduate before December in the year of application.

How I apply?

- The application documents must be written in English or translated into English. Only typed applications will be accepted.
- The application contains beside personal information a short essay and two recommendations.

Timetable:

- Applications received by Zonta clubs (contact local club for deadline - generally April/May)
- Club recipient is selected, and application is received by governor representative
 - 1 October
- Official announcement of district recipients
 - mid-November

Remark:

- Deadline for ZI WIT Scholarship in 2021 is 15 October 2021. That means D28 STEM would be awarded for the first time in Oct 2022. It is planned to award this prize every years.

Proposal

Proposal: The Zonta D28 STEM Award is awarded every year to women of any age, pursuing a degree in STEM. Zonta District 28 (D28) offers 3 Awards in the amount of

1. place	2000€
2. place	600€
3. place	400€
Total	3000€

For the District Board D28

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