



Resolution to extend Women in STEM Scholarship for another biennium.

Proposed by District 28

The Women in STEM Scholarship should be continued as a fourth pilot cycle on **club, district, and international level** for women in all STEM fields. An evaluation of the Scholarship shall be presented at the 2026 Convention.

Rationale

The Women in STEM Scholarship, former Women in Technology Scholarship, was set up as a pilot program for three biennia because women are still largely underrepresented in technology and other STEM fields. To give women equal opportunities as men in technological developments, Zonta launched this pilot scholarship program in 2018. In 2020 the Scholarship was limited to international applications only and in 2022 it became a bi-annual district award and was expanded to STEM fields.

Women are still underrepresented in all engineering and STEM fields. The scholarship has already demonstrated a positive effect at local level empowering women to step into male dominated technology and engineering fields. Recipients report that they are taken more seriously because of our Scholarship. Young women educated in STEM will work in these areas and will be role models for more women to follow in their footsteps.

The Zonta Women in STEM scholarship is the perfect complement, and a crucial addition if we want to meet the challenges of the future, to the other Zonta educational programs: Amelia Earhart Fellowship, JMK Women in Business Scholarship and the Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

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