What is the Lone Star Rising Career Development Award?

The Lone Star Rising Career Development Award provides professional development funding for women geoscience professionals seeking to resume their geoscience careers after having been out of the workforce, or female geoscience students following a non-traditional education timeline seeking to enter the workforce in a geoscience-related field within the next two years.

This award is intended to cover professional development costs, such as enrollment in geoscience training courses or workshops, fees for certifications and licensing, conference fees and expenses, or any other justifiable costs to help candidates reenter the workforce. Awards are not intended to cover research expenses, membership fees for other organizations, or student loans.

Award Amount

Up to $1,500 and a one-year student membership with AWG

Eligibility

A qualified applicant must be:

1. A non-traditional student
   -OR-

   Currently out of the workforce, with previous work experience in a geoscience-related field

2. She will have specific career goals and intend to enter or reenter the workforce in a geoscience-related field within the next two years.

3. Membership in AWG or the Lone Star Chapter are not required.
Required Application Materials

1. Prepare a one-page (>10pt. font single-spaced) personal statement describing your academic qualifications, professional work history, any recent volunteer or home activities relevant to your area of expertise, and describe how the award will contribute to your professional development.

2. State amount requested (up to $1,500) and provide an itemized list showing how the funds will be used.

3. Include a letter of reference from someone familiar with your geoscience-related work experience and expertise, or someone familiar with any recent activities that are relevant to your areas of expertise.

4. Clearly label all application materials with your name, address, phone number and email address and send to AWGLoneStar@gmail.com (emailed applications should have “AWG Lone Star Rising Career Development Award” in the subject line).

Questions?

Questions may be directed to AWGLoneStar@gmail.com.