

Kirsten R. Lorentzen Scholarship Award

Deadline: February 15*

*If an award deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the deadline is moved to the following business day

Award Details

- One \$2,000 award will be made each year; recipient will also be invited to attend a professional physics meeting in the year following receipt of the award
- Awarded to a female student in her sophomore or junior year of study
- Awarded to an exceptionally well-rounded student who excels in her studies as well as outdoor activities, service, sports, music, or other non-academic pursuits or who has overcome significant obstacles

Eligibility

- Applicants must be female students in the sophomore or junior year of college who are majoring in physics, including space physics and geophysics, or geoscience
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents who attend a college or university in the United States.
- Applicants must be undergraduate members of the SPS national organization

About

The Kirsten R. Lorentzen Award is an Association for Women in Science (AWIS) Educational Foundation program administered by SPS. Kirsten R. Lorentzen completed her Ph.D. in Geophysics at the University of Washington in 1999. She had graduated with a B.A. in physics from Dartmouth College in 1991, and then, prior to graduate school, served in the Peace Corps, teaching high school science in Punta Gorda, Belize. After her Ph.D., she worked as a research scientist at The Aerospace Corporation, studying northern lights and other magnetospheric phenomena. The research took her to the Arctic and Antarctic. Dr. Lorentzen loved the outdoors and being active: she ran cross-country and track and also loved to ski. She played French horn in bands, orchestras, and quintets starting from age 11. She also valued community service and tutored children in Seattle and Long Beach. She died in December 2002 from complications of treatment for lymphoma, leaving a young son, her husband, and loving family. In her memory, they have established the Kirsten R. Lorentzen award for students studying physics or geoscience and excelling in both academic and nonacademic pursuits.

For more information: