



# Association for Women Geoscientists

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Dear Future AWG Member,

This letter is to serve as an invitation to become an International Member with the Association for Women Geoscientists (AWG). This organization exists to promote the professional development of its members, to provide geoscience outreach to girls, and to encourage women to become geoscientists. Membership is open to anyone who supports AWG's goals.

We would appreciate you becoming a member of AWG, and thus help us support a wide range of programs that benefit students and women in the geosciences. AWG promotes the success of girls and women at crucial stages in their development, thus contributing to the size and skills of the postgraduate workforce. Below is a partial list of the benefits of membership and our programs that would be supporting:

- The AWG web site, [www.awg.org](http://www.awg.org), provides an overview of many of our activities. Since the site went online, inquiries have increased from people all over the world. The web site also has an international member page that is posted under the main membership/chapter page.
- Our bimonthly newsletters Gaea and E-mail News reach an audience of over 1000 members. Our newsletters are published six times per year, in issues designated January/February, March/April, May/June, July/August, September/October, and November/December. The publication of Gaea supports the goals of the Association through the exchange of professional, technical and educational information, including:
  - technical articles
  - news of the Association, and its programs and activities
  - book reviews
  - issues of particular interest to women geoscientists
  - career guidance
  - International corner articles – these are articles written by our international members about various topics of interest.
- The E-mail News contains information about AWG projects/scholarships, AGI governmental affairs, and position openings. This newsletter is a great way to quickly inform other members about upcoming events. It has been largely a US-based information letter, but submission of information is open to all AWG members, so it could become a good site for posting international

scholarships, professional positions, and other information pertinent to our international members.

- AWG international members are eligible for our Sand and Takken Travel Awards and also for our Chrysalis Scholarship:
  - [Sand Student Research Presentation Travel Award](#): This competitive award provides women geoscience students with support to present their research at the Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America.  
  
**Award Amount:** Two awards will be made each year for \$500 each. The top twenty applicants, including the two awardees, will be given a one-year membership to AWG.  
  
**Application Deadline:** Applications must be submitted by August 15.
  - [Takken Student Research Presentation Travel Award](#): This competitive award provides women geoscience students with support to present their research at a national or international professional geoscience meeting other than the Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America.  
  
**Award Amount:** Two awards will be made each year for \$500 each. The top twenty applicants, including the two awardees, will be given a one-year membership to AWG.  
  
**Application Deadline:** Two competitions will be held each year. Applications for the first competition must be submitted by February 15. Applications for the second competition must be submitted by August 15.
  - [Chrysalis Scholarship](#): The Chrysalis Scholarship provides degree-completion funding for women geoscience graduate students whose education has been significantly interrupted by life circumstances. The awards are intended to cover costs associated with completion of her thesis/dissertation, beyond what is traditionally covered by primary research funding. Such costs can include drafting expenses, child-care, defense travel, late-stage research and analyses, or anything necessary to assist a degree candidate during those critical, final days.  
  
**Award Amount:** The scholarship amount varies up to \$2,000 and may be given to multiple candidates per year.  
  
**Application Deadline:** March 31

Lastly, I would like everyone to be aware of the existence of the membership sponsorship fund that is available for international AWG members. Money from this fund will pay for membership dues. Email me (Debbie Hanneman [whgeol@gmail.com](mailto:whgeol@gmail.com) ) if you are interested in applying for money from this fund, and I will pass your information on to our AWG Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

Debra Hanneman  
AWG International Liaison