

2026

ZONTA WOMEN IN STEM AWARD RECIPIENTS



DISTRICT	NAME OF RECIPIENT	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP	NOMINATING ZONTA CLUB/COUNTRY	NAME OF SCHOOL ATTENDING OR NAME OF EMPLOYER	FIELD OF STUDY OR WORK TITLE
District 4	Mary England	Canada	Hamilton I, Canada	McMaster University	Materials and Biomedical Engineering
District 5	Sruthi Shanker Pydimarry	India	Cleveland, USA	Case Western Reserve University	Mechanical Engineering
District 8	Emily Murray	Canada	Victoria, Canada	University of Victoria	Software Engineering
District 9	Danielle Bartz	United States	Hilo, USA	University Hawai'i at Mānoa	Marine Biology
District 10	Elise Merchak	United States	Fort Smith, USA	University of Arkansas	Planetary Sciences
District 11	Kayla Taylor	United States	Sarasota, USA	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
District 12	Anya Grafov	United States	Foothills Club of Boulder County, USA	University of Colorado Boulder	Physics
District 16	Tiffany Ilott	United Kingdom and New Zealand	Christchurch South Inc., New Zealand	University of Otago	Ph.D. Student in Endometrial Cancer Research
District 17	Zijie Xu	Hong Kong	Hong Kong East, Hong Kong	The University of Hong Kong	Research Assistant, Data Statistical Analysis
District 18	Daisy Tsenesa	Zimbabwe	Accra II, Ghana	Ashesi University	Computer Science
District 22	Alyssa Peterson	United States	Brisbane Inc., Australia	The University of Queensland	Sustainable Strategies to Control Mosquito-Borne Diseases
District 23	Kate Johnson	Australia	Hobart Inc., Australia	CREAF (Centre for Ecological Research and Forestry Applications)	Marie Skłodowska Curie Postdoctoral Fellow
District 24	Sally Hurst	Australia	Sydney Inc., Australia	Found a Fossil	Founder, Lead Researcher and Outreach Manager
District 28	Sarah Pappert	Germany	Bad Nauheim – Friedberg, Germany	Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics and Technical University Munich	Astrophysics Researcher
District 29	Abinaya Arunachalam	Netherlands	Groningen-1991, Netherlands	University of Groningen	Research Program Manager, Science and Engineering
District 29	Maja Nelde	Germany	Münster, Germany	University of Münster	Mathematics