



Invitation to suitable applicants for the

# **Sandra Cooke STEM Award**

## **\$2,500 Scholarship**

**Applications due 30<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

### **What is the Sandra Cooke STEM Award?**

The Zonta International Women in STEM Award encourages women to pursue education, career opportunities and leadership roles in science, technology, engineering and mathematic (STEM) fields.

The Zonta Club of Caboolture is offering two \$2,500 scholarships (incentive awards) to two females from the City of Moreton Bay undertaking a STEM program through an approved tertiary education facility.

### **Who is eligible?**

- Women of any age and nationality, pursuing a STEM program at an accredited college/institute/university, who demonstrates outstanding potential in the field and are living in the Moreton Bay Region.
- Online students are also eligible to apply if enrolled at an accredited college/institute/university and are living in the Moreton Bay Region.
- Applicants must be enrolled in an undergraduate STEM program or pending enrolment at the date of application.
- Applicants must be enrolled in an undergraduate STEM program at the time the scholarship funds are disbursed.

### **What are the requirements?**

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- The applicant is required to qualify what her field of study is under STEM.
- A verification of current enrolment or pending enrolment in an undergraduate STEM program must be submitted with the application.
- Demonstrate a superior prior academic record at a recognised school, college or university with accredited courses in STEM studies as verified by official transcripts and recommendation letters.
- Recipients are not permitted to defer the scholarship and may accept additional grants and scholarships from other sources.

## How to apply?

All applications are to be typed. The following documents are to be submitted in the application package:

- ❑ Essay of 500 words or less including:
  - A description of your academic and professional goals
  - An explanation of how your planned program of study is directly related to STEM
  - A statement of your initiative, ambition, and commitment to pursuing a career in STEM.
  - State your name, sign and date the bottom of the essay.
- ❑ One recommendation from a faculty member (teacher/lecturer) from the field of study.
- ❑ Verification of current enrolment or an official statement from the university/college registrar stating enrolment and/or graduation information.
- ❑ List and include latest official detailed transcripts of grades or equivalent records from school/college/institute/university attended.
- ❑ The following will not be considered for the scholarship:
  - Additional information that wasn't requested e.g. articles, pamphlets, books.
  - Incomplete or late applications.
  - Essays over the word limit of 500 words.
- ❑ Send your application to [ZontaClubCaboolture@gmail.com](mailto:ZontaClubCaboolture@gmail.com). Include in your email:
  - The subject heading: Sandra Cooke STEM Award Application 2026
  - Your name, address, contact details (phone and email).
  - If under 18 years of age, a guardian's name and contact details.
  - Attach the above documents in PDF format:
    - Essay
    - Recommendation
    - Enrolment evidence
    - Latest official transcripts

## What is the evaluation process?

The Zonta Club of Caboolture's STEM committee will consider applications and select the club awardee based on the criteria above.

## When is the scholarship awarded?

Successful applicants will be notified using email after the scholarship closing date and before **30<sup>th</sup> November 2026**. The Sandra Cooke STEM Award will be presented at the International Women's Day Lunch on 6 March at Norths Leagues and Services Club, Kallangur at approximately 11:30 am. The successful participant must be able to attend the lunch to receive the scholarship.

## How may the scholarship funds be used?

Scholarship funds may be used for any expenses that support the achievement of a qualification in a STEM-related field.

## How to contact us?

To contact us email [zontaclubcaboolture@gmail.com](mailto:zontaclubcaboolture@gmail.com). To learn more about the other awards we offer and what Zonta Club of Caboolture does go to our website <https://zontacaboolture.org.au> and our Facebook page [@zontaclubcaboolture](https://www.facebook.com/zontaclubcaboolture)