

AORE ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Each year, the Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education recognizes work or leadership of unusual significance in the field of outdoor recreation and education, including contributions to the Association which are far beyond the ordinary and have had a significant and lasting impact on the Association and its mission.

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**Association of
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and Education**

BIG 4 AWARDS

Jim Rennie Leadership Award >> [APPLY OR NOMINATE](#)

The Jim Rennie Leadership Award recognizes contributions to AORE which are far beyond the ordinary and which have had a significant and lasting impact on the Association and its mission. The award also recognizes professional work or leadership of unusual significance in the field of outdoor recreation and education.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Individuals must not have received an award in the previous year
- Individuals must have a current AORE Professional membership at time of application and at time of the conference
- Current Board of Director members are not eligible to receive awards and scholarships
- Individuals participating in an independent selection committee are not eligible to receive the award or scholarship of which they are selecting

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SUBMISSION

- Those being nominated are expected to attend the AORE Annual Conference and Awards Banquet in Roanoke, Virginia November 1-3, 2017. The Awards Banquet is scheduled for November 3 from 7-10pm. Nominators do not need to be members or attend the conference, although are welcome to join.

Bill March Student Achievement Award >> [APPLY OR NOMINATE](#)

The Bill March Student Achievement Award is presented to an individual who makes outstanding contributions to an outdoor recreation and education program while pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Individuals must not have received an award in the previous year
- Individuals must be enrolled full-time in courses (full-time is classified by the institution's definition of undergraduate and graduate full-time course-load)
- Individuals must have a current AORE Student Professional membership at time of application and at time of the conference
- Current Board of Director members are not eligible to receive awards and scholarships
- Individuals participating in an independent selection committee are not eligible to receive the award or scholarship of which they are selecting

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David J. Webb Program Excellence Award >> [APPLY OR NOMINATE](#)

The David J Webb Program Excellence Award honors an outstanding non-profit outdoor program which has provided dynamic and innovative services to its participants, demonstrated professionalism and high standards of conduct, and contributed to the outdoor community at large by sharing information and assisting other programs.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Programs must not have received an award in the previous year
- Programs must have a current AORE Organization membership at time of application and at time of the conference
- Current Board of Director members are not eligible to receive awards and scholarships
- Individuals participating in an independent selection committee are not eligible to receive the award or scholarship of which they are selecting

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SUBMISSION

- Those being nominated are expected to attend the AORE Annual Conference and Awards Banquet in Roanoke, Virginia November 1-3, 2017. The Awards Banquet is scheduled for November 3 from 7-10pm. Nominators do not need to be members or attend the conference, although are welcome to join.
- The AORE Awards Committee will be contacting the top 3 nominations for The David J. Webb Program Excellence Award to submit a short video for use at the Awards Banquet in Roanoke.

Patsy Kott Service Award >> [APPLY OR NOMINATE](#)

The Patsy Kott Service Award, established by donations from Patsy Kott and AORE members like you, recognizes long term professional work or service having a lasting impact on the Association and its mission. This award is presented to an AORE member who has demonstrated behind the scenes impactful and steadfast service to the AORE. A distinguishing characteristic for this award is significant long-term service to support the Association from behind the front lines.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Individuals must not have received an award in the previous year
- Individuals must have a current AORE Professional membership at time of application and at time of the conference
- Current Board of Director members are not eligible to receive awards and scholarships
- Individuals participating in an independent selection committee are not eligible to receive the award or scholarship of which they are selecting

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SUBMISSION

- Those being nominated are expected to attend the AORE Annual Conference and Awards Banquet in Roanoke, Virginia November 1-3, 2017. The Awards Banquet is scheduled for November 3 from 7-10pm. Nominators do not need to be members or attend the conference, although are welcome to join.

MORE SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Student Scholarship >> [APPLY](#)

The Student Scholarships are granted to students that have made significant contributions to their department, academic institutions or private outdoor related program through their involvement and leadership. These students must also have shown a commitment to scholarship through: research, honors, self-improvement through continuing education, certifications, presentations, participation in professional organizations, internships, etc.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Individuals must have attended a previous AORE conference.
- Individuals must not have received an award in the previous year
- Individuals must have a current AORE Student Professional membership at time of application and at time of the conference
- Individuals must have the goal of entering the field of outdoor recreation and education
- Current Board of Director members are not eligible to receive awards and scholarships
- Individuals participating in an independent selection committee are not eligible to receive the award or scholarship of which they are selecting

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SUBMISSION

- Recipients must attend the Scholarship Recipient Meeting (timing TBD).
- Recipients must attend the Student Social (evening of Oct. 31).
- Recipients must spend an estimated 8-10 hours of time assisting the Student Development Committee with various events, including the Career Center.
- Recipients must attend the Student Annual Business Meeting (morning of Nov. 2) and the AORE Awards Dinner (evening of Nov. 3).

Student Bridge Builder Scholarship >> [APPLY](#)

The Bridge Builder Scholarship is awarded to student leaders involved in an initiative to increase inclusion, diversity, and/or multiculturalism within their outdoor community. Examples of initiatives could be a special trip or clinic, an innovating hiring practice, a special outreach event, etc.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Individuals must not have received an award in the previous year
- Project or initiative must be a recent project (within last 2 academic years)
- Current Board of Director members are not eligible to receive awards and scholarships
- Individuals participating in an independent selection committee are not eligible to receive the award or scholarship of which they are selecting

Greg Hawkins "Go Big or Go Home" Scholarship presented by Petzl >> [APPLY](#)

In the spirit of Greg Hawkins, and the way he lived his life, Petzl is offering AORE professional members the opportunity to apply for an annual scholarship to help fund a personal outdoor endeavor. Anyone who knew Greg knows that he worked hard and played even harder. He lived every day of his life in the spirit of adventure. As a paddler, climber, skier and mountain biker he never wasted an opportunity to immerse in his passions and to share them with others. Greg's legacy is to remind us to never lose sight of our personal spirit of adventure as outdoor professionals.

A minimum of \$1,000 in scholarship payouts will be awarded annually to an AORE professional or group of professionals on one or multiple endeavors in an effort to support them in pursuing a personal adventure goal.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Individuals must not have received an award in the previous year
- Individuals must have a current AORE Professional membership at time of application and at time of the conference
- Current Board of Director members are not eligible to receive awards and scholarships
- Individuals participating in an independent selection committee are not eligible to receive the award or scholarship of which they are selecting

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SUBMISSION

- The winner will be selected by a committee of AORE professional and vendor members
- The winner will be chosen by committee and announced at the awards banquet in Roanoke.
- Recipient will provide a recap of their experience (written, photo, blog, video etc.) for use in AORE and vendor publications and social media.
- Funds may be used to cover travel, lodging, permits or equipment.
- Creative multi-media submissions are encouraged

Student Literary Award >> [APPLY](#)

The Student Literary Award recognizes students with excellent writing skills. Two awards are given annually; one to an undergraduate student and one to a graduate student. The award winners will receive a scholarship to attend the annual AORE Annual Conference. Winning and other selected manuscripts may be included in the edited papers of the AORE Annual Conference Proceedings. Award winners will be given an opportunity to present their paper during the poster session of the Research Symposium.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Individuals must not have received an award in the previous year
- Individuals must have a current AORE Student Professional membership at time of application and at time of the conference
- Individuals must be over the age of 18
- Individuals must be enrolled full-time in courses (full-time is classified by the institution's definition of undergraduate and graduate full-time course-load)
- Individuals must be willing and able to present findings at an AORE conference. Winners will be contacted by the Research and Publications committee for information regarding the poster session.
- Current Board of Director members are not eligible to receive awards and scholarships
- Individuals participating in an independent selection committee are not eligible to receive the award or scholarship of which they are selecting

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SUBMISSION

- The Student Literary Awards Subcommittee of the Research and Publications Committee will select judges to evaluate all manuscripts using the [evaluation form found here](#).

Professional Development Scholarships >> *application will be available soon*

In some cases, companies offer scholarships for professional skill development to student and professional members of AORE. Winners receive a scholarship for the course tuition only and are responsible for travel, housing and other ancillary expenses during the course.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Individuals must not have received an award in the previous year
- Individuals must have a current AORE Student Professional or Professional membership at time of application and at time of the conference
- Current Board of Director members are not eligible to receive awards and scholarships
- Individuals participating in an independent selection committee are not eligible to receive the award or scholarship of which they are selecting

Green Program Award >> [APPLY](#)

One component of AORE's mission is to promote the preservation and conservation of the natural environment. This component of AORE's mission is both internally and externally focused.

Internally, AORE strives to conduct its programs and operations in an environmentally sensitive way, and encourages its member programs to do likewise. To do this, AORE members as part of their programming and education should utilize Leave No Trace principles and practices, as well as discuss relevant environmental issues and concerns, both in staff training as well as when in front and back country settings with participants. In addition, AORE members should seek to engage in environmentally-friendly and sustainable practices as it relates to energy use and efficiency, water conservation, transportation, food and supply purchasing and disposal, and carbon offsetting. Environmental and socially responsible purchasing of equipment and gear used for operations should also be practiced. It is also expected AORE members serve as advocates for the environment and sustainable practices outside their respective programs and organizations to facilitate, where appropriate, positive institutional and industry change.

In order to advocate for environmental stewardship in AORE member programs, the Environmental Stewardship Committee has created a Green Program Award. Our goal is to raise awareness of programs that are making significant efforts to reduce the ecological footprint by recognizing a program that exemplifies the above stated sustainable practices.

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- Programs must not have received an award in the previous year
- Programs must have a current AORE Organization membership at time of application and at time of the conference
- Current Board of Director members are not eligible to receive awards and scholarships
- Individuals participating in an independent selection committee are not eligible to receive the award or scholarship of which they are selecting