The Association for Women in Science Gulf Coast Houston chapter (AWIS-GCH) is excited to announce the Annual Award for Excellence in Communication!

AWIS-GCH seeks essays of 1000 words or less on the following topic:

“Identify a female innovator and describe how her contribution to STEM inclusion impacts your goals and career.”

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES
- The essay contest is open to female and male undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled in an accredited university/graduate program
- 1000 word maximum
- Submissions must include the following information:
  - Full name
  - E-mail address
  - Student status (undergraduate, graduate)
  - Current university of enrollment

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING ESSAY
- Theme must be clearly addressed
- Content must include relevant, authentic information and ideas must be fully developed
- Proper grammar, spelling and punctuation must be consistent with accepted usage
- All written and online sourced materials must be appropriately cited

JUDGES
- AWIS-GCH Executive Board-appointed judges will serve on the panel
- Judging will be “blind” – names and other identifying information will be omitted before essays are reviewed

DEADLINE
- Essays must be received by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 20, 2020
- Please follow this link to submit your essay online: https://forms.gle/nSsyW6WhEEyb9G2m7

AWARDS:

1st Place: Cash Prize of $300 + Attendance at AWIS 2020 Summit
2nd Place: Cash Prize of $200
3rd Place: Cash Prize of $100

Winners will be contacted via email by April 10, 2020. The 1st place winner will receive free registration to attend the prestigious AWIS 2020 Innovation and Inclusion Summit and Awards Ceremony to be held on April 23, 2020, from 12:30-8:30 PM at the Corinthian Houston (202 Fannin St, Houston, TX 77002). The 1st place award will be presented at the Summit and Awards Ceremony.

Winners will also be featured on the AWIS-GCH website and social media channels, and are required to provide a short bio and head shot at the time of contact. Information about last year’s winners is available at https://awisgch.org/category/awardsscholarships.