The Prize for Outstanding Undergraduate Women in Geology was established in 2000 and modified to be the Prize for Outstanding Seniors in Geology in 2014. The award recognizes outstanding seniors in the Division of Geosciences and is presented only when suitable candidates are recognized. Accompanying the award is a cash prize of ~$1000.

The selection committee uses the following information in the award process:
- Anticipated graduation with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 (where A=4.0) and/or
- Participation in departmental activities including research and/or
- Participation in earth-sciences-related extracurricular activities and/or
- Participation in volunteer work and/or
- Relevant life experience

If you wish to apply for the prize, please:

1. Submit a short, personal essay in which you:
   a. describe how your academic record and activities and your extracurricular activities qualify you for this award. Please let the committee know, do you think that your academic record accurately reflects your abilities and, if not, can you identify factors that have prevented you from achieving your best performance?
   b. reflect on your perception of role models in the geosciences. How do you feel role models are important; how have you been a role model to other students, especially as peers. Please be aware that there is no “right” answer.

2. Request and have submitted a letter of support from a fellow undergraduate or from a graduate student; attached please find a note written from the committee to this person as a guide. Faculty/lecturers/instructors may not write the letter of support.

Successful applicants devote a page to the essay, providing specific examples as appropriate. Please note, GPA and participation in departmental and other activities are used as guidelines for the award. The personal essay and letter of support, however, are required. In writing your essay, please follow the guidelines given above. There is no need to include transcripts.

If you choose to apply, please send a short email of intent by March 25, 2020, and your letter of application and essay, as pdfs saved as “[your name] OUSinG essay”, by April 6, 2020, to SES.Admin@nau.edu. Please contact Nancy Riggs (Nancy.Riggs@nau.edu) with any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Selection Committee
Prize for Outstanding Senior in Geology.
Dear friend,

The selection committee of the Prize for Outstanding Seniors in Geology is soliciting letters of support for candidates who are applying for the prize this year (2019). The criteria the committee are using in evaluating applications are:

- Graduation with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 (where A=4.0) and/or
- Participation in departmental activities including research and/or
- Participation in earth-sciences-related extracurricular activities and/or
- Participation in volunteer work and/or
- Relevant life experience

In addition, the committee has requested an essay from the candidate in which s/he:
- describes how her/his academic record and activities, and extracurricular activities qualify her/him for this award. We ask if s/he thinks that her/his academic record accurately reflects her/his abilities and, if not, if s/he can identify factors that have prevented her/him from achieving her/his best performance.
- reflects on her/his perception of as role models for other students in the geosciences. Your friend may describe the influence that role models have had for her/him in shaping her/his scientific career. Or s/he may wish to describe how s/he is or can see her/himself being a role model for other young students as her/his career advances.

Would you please write a letter of support for the person who gave you this note, and address how you see that s/he embodies the ideal of being a role model and/or having a positive impact on her/his peers? Your input is very important to the committee – we want to know if you will remember this person and why. Please email the letter as an attachment (pdf please) saved as “[name of applicant] OUWinG support” to SES.Admin@nau.edu by April 6, 2020.

Thank you for your help!