



## 2026 Richard D. Morse Memorial Award



The Adirondack Research Consortium is pleased to announce the 2026 Richard D. Morse Memorial Award. This annual \$500 award is presented to a student from a college or university in the region who shares Rick's enthusiasm for environmental policy, music, and outdoor activities. The award is intended to support research or educational activities.

Richard Dunn Morse, a passionate advocate for environmental policy and a devoted outdoorsman, passed away in 2016. Over the course of 32 years with the New York State Assembly, he played a vital role in advancing key initiatives, including the landmark Superfund legislation. Outside of his professional life, Rick was an avid adventurer who embraced backcountry and alpine skiing, sailing, running, and Ironman triathlons. Through this fund, his spirit and values continue to inspire and support the next generation.

To be eligible, students must be in good academic standing and enrolled in a program related to environmental science, with demonstrated interests in music and outdoor recreation. Faculty representatives are invited to submit nominations on behalf of students, along with a brief statement describing the student's qualifications. **Nominations must be received by Friday, March 20, 2026.**

The award will be presented at the Annual Awards Luncheon held April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 during the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on the Adirondacks at the High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid. This is a one-time award, though students may apply again in future years. It is our intention to continue offering this annual award until the available funds are fully utilized.

Electronic applications are preferred.

Nominations should be sent to:  
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Conference Committee  
c/o Dan Fitts, Executive Director  
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