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## Elizabeth F. Cloos awarded SPIE Scholarship in Optics and Photonics



BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – June 15, 2011 – Elizabeth F. Cloos has been awarded a 2011 Scholarship by SPIE, the International Society for Optics and Photonics for her potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics or related field.

Cloos is currently pursuing her bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, MI. Her degree concentration is in photonics. She is very active on campus and is currently Vice-President of the Michigan Tech SPIE Student Chapter. Cloos intends to graduate in Spring 2012 and go on to pursue a PhD in Electrical Engineering with a focus in Optics & Photonics. She will use this scholarship to fund her schooling and travel to various technical conferences in the coming year.

SPIE awarded \$350,000 in scholarships to 137 outstanding individuals, based on their potential contribution to optics and photonics, or a related discipline. Award-winning applicants were evaluated, selected and approved by the SPIE Scholarship Committee, Chaired by SPIE volunteer Marta de la Fuente.

To date, SPIE has distributed over \$3.3 million dollars in individual scholarships. This ambitious effort reflects the Society's commitment to education and to the next generation of optical scientists and engineers around the world.

SPIE scholarships are open to full- and part-time students studying anywhere in the world. All scholarship applications are judged on their own merit based on the experience and education level of the individual student.

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