



GIFTED RESOURCE CENTER GUIDE

SCHOLARSHIPS AND COMPETITIONS



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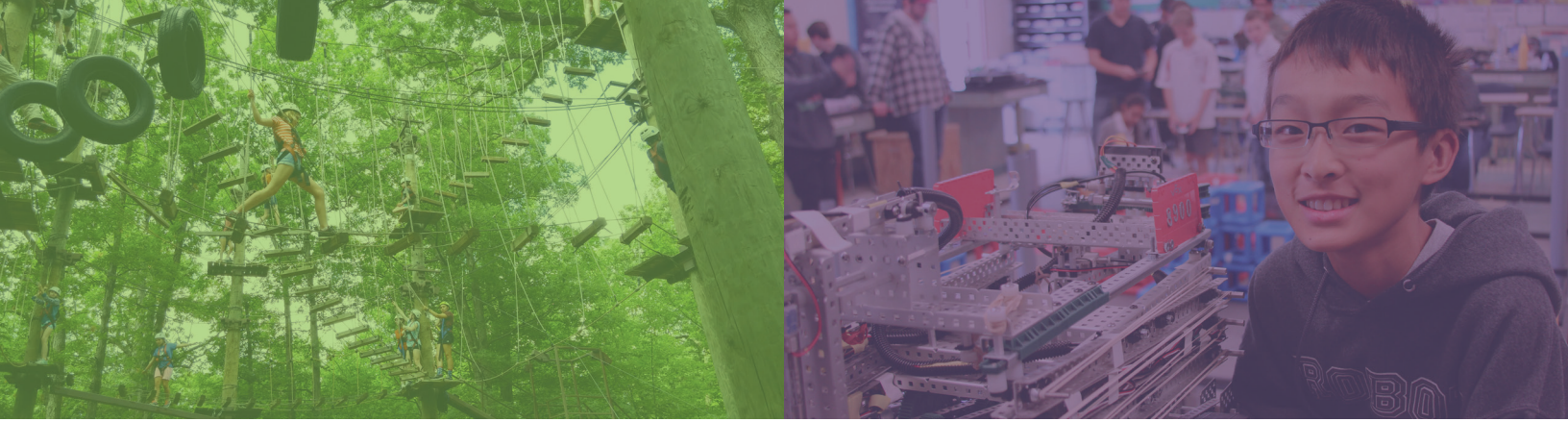
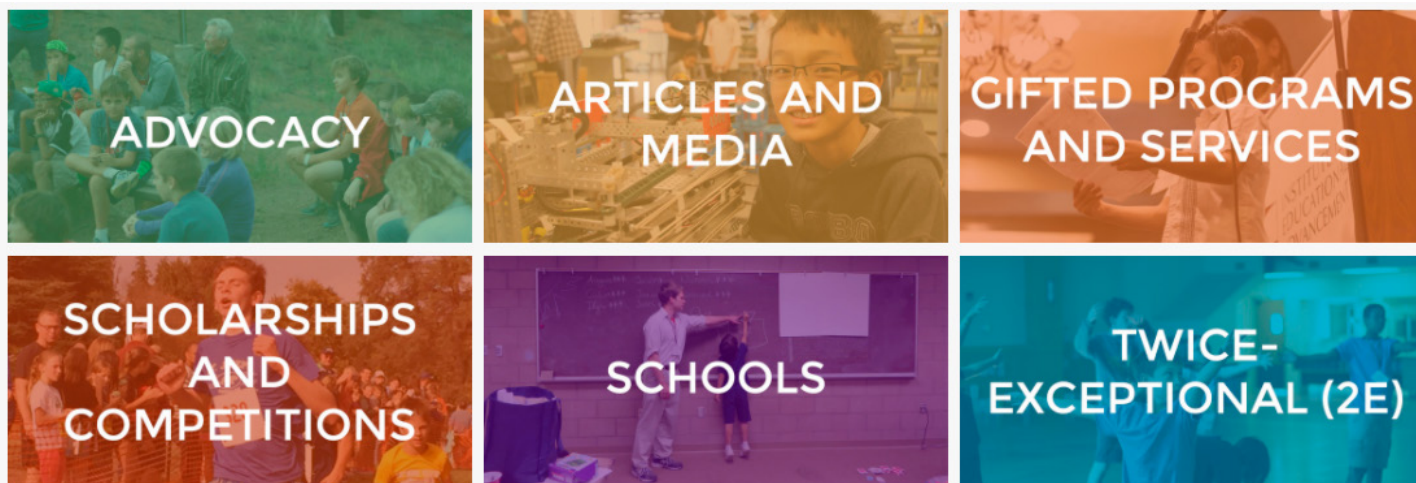


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INTRODUCTION



The Gifted Resource Center (GRC) is a free public tool created and curated by the Institute for Educational Advancement (IEA) which serves as an online database of resources appropriate for the gifted learner from Preschool through High School.

The GRC contains an abundance of resources and information regarding advocacy, gifted programs and organizations, schools, scholarships, supplemental learning opportunities, testing and counseling professionals, and the twice-exceptional (2e) learner. IEA conducts research to provide students, their families, and others interested in gifted education with the most relevant and pertinent information.

This guide is a compilation of the resources available under the Scholarship and Competitions category of the GRC. It is meant as a free resource for students, parents, educators and others who work with gifted children to assist in finding appropriate resources to aid in the development and growth of gifted learners.

About Institute for Educational Advancement

The Institute for Educational Advancement (IEA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the intellectual, creative and personal growth of our nation's gifted and high-potential youth. Central to the mission of IEA is a commitment to the development of the whole child through engaging educational experiences that promote optimal challenge, mentorship, exploration of ideas and recognition of personal potential. IEA seeks to connect like-minded individuals and supports a diverse community that creates a sense of belonging and affirmation.

For more information, visit us at www.educationaladvancement.org.

NATIONAL

AADGT YOUNG GIFTED MUSICIAN

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The American Association for Development of the Gifted and Talented (AADGT) helps young extraordinarily gifted classical musicians and artists. AADGT was established in 1993 and since then AADGT has helped hundreds of artists and aspiring young musicians form around the world.

Website: www.aadgt.org

AFRO-ACADEMIC, CULTURAL, TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC OLYMPICS

9-12

ACT-SO is a major youth initiative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). ACT-SO provides a forum through which youth of African descent demonstrate academic, artistic and scientific prowess and expertise, thereby gaining the same recognition often only reserved for entertainers and athletes. ACT-SO is rooted in the firm conviction that all students can succeed and compete at the same or superior levels as their counterparts in classrooms, boardrooms and laboratories across this nation and abroad. demonstrate academic, artistic and scientific prowess and expertise, thereby gaining the same recognition often only reserved for entertainers and athletes. ACT-SO is a year-long youth achievement program that begins in August of each year in local communities nationwide. In more than 200 local communities throughout the U.S., ACT-SO adult volunteers recruit students and mentors. Students work with mentors from August to April to develop their projects and performances for the local competition.

Website: www.naacpconnect.org/pages/act-so-101

AFS PROJECT CHANGE

6-8 · 9-12

Share your idea for a volunteer project that could have a meaningful impact abroad. Get votes from your family and friends on your idea, and you could win one of 10 full scholarships to spend 2 weeks with AFS making the winning project come to life. All U.S. 8th to 12th grade students are eligible to enter.

Website: www.afsusa.org/project-change/

AMERICAN LEGION ORATORICAL CONTEST

6-8

The American Legion Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. Young orators earn some of the most generous college scholarships available to high school students. Over \$138,000 in scholarships can be awarded each year.

Website: www.legion.org/oratorical/about

AXA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

6-8 · 9-12

The AXA Achievement Scholarship provides over \$1.4 million in scholarships to young people throughout the nation representing all 50 states, Washington DC and Puerto Rico. Students have the opportunity to receive a \$2,500, \$10,000 or \$25,000 scholarship. In addition, for every student who wins a scholarship, a grant in the amount of \$1,000 will be made to the winner's school.

Website: us.axa.com/axa-foundation

BUICK ACHIEVER'S SCHOLARSHIP

9-12

The Buick Achievers Scholarship Program rewards students who have succeeded both inside and outside of the classroom – and who may not be able to attend college without financial assistance. It's

a reward for what you've made of yourself and the difference you are making for others. The Buick Achievers Scholarship Program is offering up to \$25,000 per year for 50 first-time freshmen or existing college students, renewable for up to four years and one additional year for those entering a qualified five-year engineering program.

Website: www.buickachievers.com

CAMERON IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP

9-12

The Bryan Cameron Education Foundation awards four-year, full-tuition, merit-based undergraduate scholarships to exceptional high school students who have demonstrated excellence in academics, extracurricular activities, leadership, and community service. The Cameron Impact Scholar is unique among their high-achieving peers in their desire to make an impact on their communities and in the world at large. They aspire to contribute to positive forces for change and plan to tailor their education to that end.

Website: www.bryancamereducationfoundation.org

CAROLINE D. BRADLEY SCHOLARSHIP

6-8

The Caroline D. Bradley Scholarship is a full four-year, merit-based high school scholarship. It can be used nationally toward any high school or approved alternative educational program that best fits the Scholar's individual intellectual, academic, and personal needs and goals. The Scholarship enables highly able middle school students to explore and access unlimited high school and early college opportunities that provide these young adults with the optimal educational match for their high school career.

Website: www.educationaladvancement.org

THE CHEMIST CHALLENGE

6-8

The You Be The Chemist Challenge® is an interactive academic contest that encourages students in grades 5-8 to explore chemistry concepts and their real-world applications. The Challenge provides a unique opportunity for a variety of individuals and organizations—including schools, members of the chemical industry, educators, and other community partners—to come together and show their support for STEM education.

Website: www.chemed.org

COMMON KNOWLEDGE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION COMPETITIONS

9-12

CKSF scholarship competitions consist of one or more quizzes with topics ranging from general "common knowledge" to specific academic subjects, books, websites, and even movies. Scores are based on a combination of time and accuracy. Students with the highest scores at the end of the competition win. There are no essays or long applications to complete and a single CKSF registration is good from high school all the way through college and graduate school.

Website: www.cksf.org

COCA COLA SCHOLARS PROGRAM

9-12

The Coca Cola Scholars Program Scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors each year. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, and their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities.

Website: www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org

CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

9-12

Each spring, the Congressional Institute sponsors a nationwide high school visual art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation and in each congressional district. Students submit entries to their representative's office, and panels of district artists select the winning entries. Winners

are recognized both in their district and at an annual awards ceremony in Washington, DC. The winning works are displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol.

Website: www.house.gov

COOLIDGE SCHOLARSHIP

9-12

The Coolidge Scholarship is a full-ride presidential scholarship that covers a student's tuition, room, board, and expenses for four years of undergraduate study and leadership training. The Coolidge may be used by recipients at any American university. Anyone of any background, pursuing any academic discipline of study, may apply to this non-partisan, need-blind, program. Students apply for the Coolidge Scholarship during their junior year of high school. Recipients of the Coolidge Scholarship are notified of their award in late May of their junior year, before college application.

Website: www.coolidgescholars.org

CSPAN STUDENT CAM

6-8 · 9-12

StudentCam is C-SPAN's annual national video documentary competition that encourages students to think critically about issues that affect our communities and our nation.

Website: www.studentcam.org

DAVIDSON FELLOW SCHOLARSHIP

9-12

The Davidson Fellows Scholarship awards \$50,000, \$25,000 and \$10,000 scholarships to extraordinary young people, 18 and under, who have completed a significant piece of work. Application categories are Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Literature, Music, Philosophy and other fields.

Website: www.davidsongifted.org

DELL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

9-12

The Dell Scholars program rewards low-income, highly motivated students who are better than their numbers indicate and demonstrate the drive to succeed despite personal obstacles. An initiative of the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, the scholarship recognizes students who have overcome significant obstacles to pursue their educations. In turn, these scholars serve as positive role models and change the trajectories for their families, friends and their communities.

Website: www.dellscholars.org

DESTINATION IMAGINATION CHALLENGE PROGRAM

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Destination Imagination Challenges Program helps bridge the gap between what students learn in school and the skills they will need to thrive in an ever-changing economy. Students improve in creative and critical thinking, explore their curiosity, build on their unique strengths, learn how to design and manage a project, and gain the skills needed for the 21st century workforce. Destination Imagination is a project-based learning program designed to complement K-12 education. Annually, they offer seven new academic Challenges in the fields of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), fine arts, service learning, and early learning. In solving a challenge, students learn the creative process from imagination to innovation and the skills needed to thrive in school, their careers and beyond.

Website: www.destinationimagination.org

DISCOVERY EDUCATION 3M YOUNG SCIENTIST CHALLENGE

K-5 · 6-8

The Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge is the nation's premier science competition for grades 5-8. This one-of-a-kind video competition has sparked the imaginations of hundreds of thousands of students and enhanced science exploration, innovation and communication across the United States.

Website: www.youngscientistchallenge.com

ECYBERMISSION

6-8 · 9-12

eCYBERMISSION is a web-based Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics competition for 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grade teams. Your team will propose a solution to a real problem in your community and compete for State, Regional and National Awards. eCYBERMISSION challenges you to explore how Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics work in your world.

Website: www.ecybermission.com

E-GIRL ESSAY CONTEST

K-5 · 6-8 · 9-12

The EngineerGirl website is a service of the National Academy of Engineering that is designed to bring national attention to the exciting opportunities that engineering represents for girls and women. Every year, the EngineerGirl website sponsors a contest dealing with engineering and its impact on our world.

Website: www.engineergirl.org

ENF MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

9-12

The Most Valuable Student scholarship contest is open to any high school senior who is a US Citizen. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. The 20 top finalists will participate in an all expenses paid Leadership Weekend in Chicago during which they'll interview with the national judges. These 20 finalists will be vying for two first-place awards of \$50,000; two second-place awards of \$40,000; and two third-place awards of \$30,000. The remaining 14 finalists will receive awards of \$20,000. The 480 runners-up will receive fifth-place scholarships of \$4,000.

Website: www.elks.org/scholars

ENGBRETSON SCHOLARSHIP

9-12

The Engebretson Scholarship Foundation was founded in 2006 by the family of the late David J. Engebretson. Each year, scholarships are awarded to high school seniors who are recognized for their academic achievements and leadership ability. The amount of this scholarship will be \$5,000.00 per semester to be used for college tuition costs. The person receiving the scholarship will have the opportunity to reapply each year.

Website: www.engebretsonfoundation.org

FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION GAME

9-12

Under strict rules, limited resources, and an intense six-week time limit, teams of 20 or more high school students are challenged to raise funds, design a team "brand," hone teamwork skills, and build and program industrial-size robots to play a difficult field game against like-minded competitors. It's as close to real-world engineering as a student can get. Volunteer professional mentors lend their time and talents to guide each team. Each season ends with a FIRST Championship.

Website: www.firstinspires.org

GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLARS

9-12

The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program, funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was established in 1999 to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for outstanding minority students with significant financial need to reach their highest potential. The scholarship awards African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American and Hispanic American students with an undergraduate college education in any discipline area of interest.

Website: www.gmsp.org

GE-REAGAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

9-12

Honoring the legacy and character of our nation's 40th President, the GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program rewards college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity,

and citizenship with financial assistance to pursue higher education. Each year, the Program selects numerous recipients to receive a \$10,000 scholarship renewable for up to an additional three years – up to \$40,000 total per recipient. Awards are for undergraduate study and may be used for education-related expenses, including tuition, fees, books, supplies, room, and board. In addition, Scholars are invited to participate in a special awards program.

Website: www.reaganfoundation.org

GIFTED SCHOLARSHIPS BY STATE

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The National Society for the Gifted and Talented has compiled a list of scholarships for gifted students, organized by state.

Website: www.nsgt.org

GLORIA BARRON PRIZE FOR YOUNG HEROES

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The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes celebrates inspiring, public-spirited young people from diverse backgrounds all across U.S.A. and Canada. Established in 2001 by author T.A. Barron, the Barron Prize annually honors 25 outstanding young leaders ages 8 to 18 who have made a significant positive impact on people, their communities, and the environment. Application is available in January of each year.

Website: www.barronprize.org

HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP

9-12

All50Medical.com is providing scholarships in support of those seeking a career in healthcare. Each year, a prospective or current college student will be selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship to help with the costs associated with attending school.

Website: www.all50medical.com

JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

6-8 · 9-12

The Young Scholars Program is a selective pre-college scholarship program for high-performing 7th grade students with financial need. The JKCF Young Scholars Program enables high-ability middle and high school students with financial need to realize their full academic potential, providing them with individualized educational advising combined with comprehensive financial support from the 8th grade through high school.

Website: www.jkcf.org

JUNIOR SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES SYMPOSIA

9-12

JSHS is designed to challenge and engage students (Grades 9-12) in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM). Individual students compete for scholarships and recognition by presenting the results of their original research efforts before a panel of judges and an audience of their peers. Opportunities for hands-on workshops, panel discussions, career exploration, research lab visits and networking are planned.

Website: www.jshs.org

LEDA SCHOLARS

9-12

LEDA is a national, not-for-profit organization dedicated to identifying and developing the academic and leadership potential of exceptional public high school students from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds. Each year, LEDA recruits a new cohort of LEDA Scholars – 100 qualified high school juniors who show leadership potential but lack the exposure and support they need to attend highly selective colleges. LEDA Scholars receive leadership training, writing instruction, standardized test preparation and a year of highly personalized guidance as they navigate the application and admissions process at the most competitive colleges. Throughout college and beyond, Scholars are offered ongoing advising,

career counseling, postgraduate planning and community-building support to help them succeed and lead.

Website: www.ledascholars.org

LEMELSON-MIT INVENTEAMS GRANTS

6-8 · 9-12

The Lemelson-MIT Program celebrates outstanding inventors and inspires young people to pursue creative lives and careers through invention. We recognize emerging collegiate inventors whose inventions could impact important sectors of the global economy and honor mid-career inventors with a prestigious cash prize. We also encourage youth to invent and develop their hands-on skills in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) through two national grants initiatives for grades 7-12.

Website: www.lemelson.mit.edu

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE

K-5 · 6-8 · 9-12

Letters About Literature is a reading and writing contest for students in grades 4-12. Students are asked to read a book, poem or speech and write to the author (living or dead) about how the book affected them personally. Letters are judged on state and national levels. Tens of thousands of students from across the country enter Letters About Literature each year. If you are in grades 4-12, you are eligible to enter the Letters About Literature reading and writing contest.

Website: www.read.gov/letters

MAA AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS

6-8 · 9-12

The MAA American Mathematics Competitions (MAA AMC) is dedicated to the goal of strengthening the mathematical capabilities of our nation's youth. The AMC program identifies, recognizes, and rewards excellence in mathematics through a series of national contests.

Website: www.maa.org/math-competitions

MATH OLYMPIADS

K-5 · 6-8

Created in 1977 by Dr. George Lenchner, an internationally known math educator, the Math Olympiads went public in 1979. Last year nearly 150,000 students from 6,000 teams worldwide participated in the Olympiads. 49 of the 50 states and about 30 other countries were represented. The Math Olympiads are math problem solving contests for teams of up to 35 students in grades 4 through 8. It is open only to schools, home schools, and institutes. Not open to individuals.

Website: www.moems.org

MATH PRIZE FOR GIRLS

9-12

The Advantage Testing Foundation sponsors an annual math competition for high-school girls, the largest monetary math prize for girls in the world. Their goal is to encourage young women with exceptional potential to become the mathematical and scientific leaders of tomorrow.

Website: www.mathprize.atfoundation.org

MATHCOUNTS

6-8

The MATHCOUNTS Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that strives to engage middle school students of all ability and interest levels in fun, challenging math programs, in order to expand their academic and professional opportunities. Middle school students exist at a critical juncture in which their love for mathematics must be nurtured, or their fear of mathematics must be overcome. MATHCOUNTS provides students with the kinds of experiences that foster growth and transcend fear to lay a foundation for future success.

Website: www.mathcounts.org

NANOWRIMO'S YOUNG WRITERS PROGRAM

K-5 · 6-8 · 9-12

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is a writing event that happens every November where the challenge is to complete an entire novel in just 30 days. Participants begin writing November 1 and finish by November 30. The Young Writers Program (YWP) allows 17-and-under participants to set reasonable, yet challenging, individual word-count goals.

Website: www.ywp.nanowrimo.org

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE

K-5 · 6-8

The National Geographic Bee is an annual competition organized by the National Geographic Society, designed to inspire and reward students' curiosity about the world. Students from 10,000 schools across the United States will compete in the National Geographic Bee for a chance to win college scholarships and the glory of being the National Geographic Bee Champion.

Website: www.nationalgeographic.org/bee

NATIONAL HISTORY BEE

6-8

The National History Bee is an exciting academic competition designed to motivate and reward students for studying history! Students compete in three stages that begin in your classroom! All questions and content relate to middle school social studies.

Website: www.aceqb.com/historybee

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

9-12

The national mock trial championship was initiated in 1984 in Des Moines, Iowa, with teams from Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Wisconsin participating. After the success of the tournament in Iowa, more states became interested in participating and the tournament became billed as an "All-State" Tournament. The competition then moved to Lincoln, Nebraska (1985) and involved 10 states. The tournament is hosted annually by different states to ensure that the cost of running the tournament doesn't fall disproportionately on any particular state.

Website: www.nationalmocktrial.org

NATIONAL JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

6-8 · 9-12

The National Junior Classical League (NJCL) encourages an interest and an appreciation of the language, literature, and culture of ancient Greece and Rome and imparts an understanding of the debt of our own culture to that of Classical antiquity. They host an annual convention where students can compete in academic contests, creative arts contests, sports, and more, all relating to Classical knowledge. NJCL also sponsors annual scholarships, as well as non-convention competitions.

Website: www.njcl.org

NATIONAL MARBLES TOURNAMENT

K-5 · 6-8

The "mibsters" (marble shooters) will compete for national honors, college scholarships and numerous prizes and awards. The mibsters will play more than a 1,200 games over the four-day tournament. Champions selected from local tournaments held in cities and counties around the United States represent thousands of competitors and will converge on Wildwood for a week of serious marble competition and fun on amusement rides and boardwalk attractions.

Website: www.nationalmarblestournament.org

NATIONAL OCEAN SCIENCES BOWL

9-12

The National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) is an academic competition and program that addresses a national gap in environmental and earth sciences in public education by introducing high school students to and engaging them in ocean science, preparing them for ocean science-related and other STEM

careers, and helping them become knowledgeable citizens and environmental stewards.

Website: www.nosb.org

NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION

9-12

The National YoungArts Foundation identifies and nurtures the most accomplished young artists in the visual, literary, design and performing arts and assists them at critical junctures in their educational and professional development. YoungArts aspires to create a community of alumni that provides a lifetime of encouragement, opportunity and support.

Website: www.youngarts.org

NCTE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS IN WRITING

9-12

Every year, the National Council of Teachers of English awards high school students across the country for their exemplary writing skills. Students must be nominated by their school, and must submit two pieces of writing.

Website: www.ncte.org

NCTE PROMISING YOUNG WRITERS PROGRAM

6-8

Every year, the National Council of Teachers of English recognizes excellent 8th grade writers. Students must be nominated by their school, and must submit two pieces of writing.

Website: www.ncte.org

NCWIT ASPIRATIONS IN COMPUTING

9-12

Aspirations in Computing is a talent development pipeline initiative of the National Center for Women & IT (NCWIT) designed to increase women's meaningful participation in computing careers by providing encouragement, visibility, community, leadership opportunities, scholarships, and internships to high potential technically inclined young women. Aspirations in Computing is the only national level talent development program for young women in computing and information technology. The NCWIT Aspirations in Computing program engages young women interested in technology and computing. By generating visibility for these young women in their local communities, the program encourages their continued interest in computing, attracts the attention and support of educational and corporate institutions, and emphasizes at a personal level the importance of women's participation in computing and IT.

Website: www.aspirations.org

NICHOLAS GREEN DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD

K-5 · 6-8

The Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award Program awards \$500 scholarships to high-ability students in grades 3-6. Review their website to see if the program is available in your state.

Website: www.nagc.org

NOB YOSHIGAHARA PUZZLE DESIGN COMPETITION

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The Nob Yoshigahara Puzzle Design Competition was established in 2001 to promote and recognize innovative new designs of mechanical puzzles.

Website: www.johnrausch.com

NOETIC LEARNING MATH CONTEST

K-5 · 6-8

The Noetic Learning Math Contest (NLMC) is a semiannual problem solving contest for elementary and middle school students. The goal of the competition is to encourage students' interest in math, to develop their problem solving skills, and to inspire them to excel in math. During the contest, students are given 45 minutes to solve 20 problems. Many problems are designed to challenge students and to enrich their problem solving experiences.

Website: www.noetic-learning.com

NORMAN MAILER STUDENT AND TEACHER WRITING AWARDS

9-12

Every year, the National Council of Teachers of English recognizes excellent writers through the Norman Mailer award. High school students may submit writing for the creative non-fiction category. The winner will receive a \$2,500 award.

Website: www.ncte.org

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

K-5 · 6-8 · 9-12

Odyssey of the Mind is the largest creative problem solving competition in the world. Teams compete to find solutions to problems relating to technical design, engineering, writing, the arts, and much more.

Website: www.odysseyofthemind.com

POETRY OUT LOUD

9-12

Poetry Out Loud is a contest that encourages the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. This program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage. Poetry Out Loud uses a pyramid structure that starts at the classroom level. Winners advance to a school-wide competition, then to a regional and/or state competition, and ultimately to the National Finals.

Website: www.poetryoutloud.org

POSSE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

9-12

Every year, Posse works closely with its network of high schools and community-based organizations to recruit Posse Scholars. Each Posse Scholar wins a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to attend one of Posse's partner colleges or universities

Website: www.possefoundation.org

PROFILE IN COURAGE ESSAY CONTEST

9-12

The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation invites high school students to write an essay on an act of political courage by a US elected official in office during or after 1956.

Website: www.jfklibrary.org

QUESTBRIDGE

9-12

The QuestBridge National College Match is a college and scholarship application process that helps outstanding low-income high school seniors gain admission and full four-year scholarships to the nation's most selective colleges.

Website: www.questbridge.org

REGENERON SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH

9-12

The Regeneron Science Talent Search (Regeneron STS,) is the nation's most prestigious science research competition for high school seniors, providing an important forum for original research that is recognized and reviewed by a national jury of professional scientists.

Website: www.student.societyforscience.org

RON BROWN SCHOLARSHIP

9-12

The Ron Brown Scholarship honors the legacy of Ronald H. Brown through a selective scholarship program that advances higher education for community-minded and intellectually gifted African Americans. RBSP competitively awards Ron Brown Scholars four-year \$40,000 scholarships (\$10,000 each year) to the most talented and economically-challenged high school seniors who demonstrate a keen interest in public service, community engagement, business entrepreneurship and global citizenship –

the four pillars of the late Ronald H. Brown’s mission to uplift people of all races, cultures and ethnicities – especially our disadvantaged youth.

Website: www.ronbrown.org

SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS

6-8 · 9-12

Since 1923, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have recognized the vision, ingenuity, and talent of our nation’s youth, and provided opportunities for creative teens to be celebrated. Each year, increasing numbers of teens participate in the program, and become a part of our community—young artists and writers, filmmakers and photographers, poets and sculptors, video game artists and science fiction writers, along with countless educators who support and encourage the creative process.

Website: www.artandwriting.org

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

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Science Olympiad competitions are like academic track meets, consisting of a series of 23 team events in each division (Division B is middle school; Division C is high school). Each year, a portion of the events are rotated to reflect the ever-changing nature of genetics, earth science, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology, mechanical engineering and technology. By combining events from all disciplines, Science Olympiad encourages a wide cross-section of students to get involved. Emphasis is placed on active, hands-on group participation. Though Science Olympiad, students, teachers, parents, principals and business leaders come together and work towards a shared goal.

Website: www.soinc.org

SIEMENS COMPETITION IN MATH, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY

9-12

Launched by the Siemens Foundation in 1999, the Siemens Competition is the nation’s premier competition in math, science and technology. To participate, high school students submit innovative individual and team research projects to regional and national levels of competition as they vie for college scholarships ranging from \$1,000 up to \$100,000.

Website: www.siemens-foundation.org

SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

9-12

The Sigma Delta Chi Foundation of the Society of Professional Journalists and the Journalism Education Association want to increase high school students’ knowledge and understanding of the importance of independent media to our lives. National winners of this essay contest receive scholarship awards. computing and IT.

Website: www.spj.org

TEAM AMERICA ROCKETRY CHALLENGE

6-8 · 9-12

The Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC) is the world’s largest student rocket contest and a key piece of the aerospace and defense industry’s strategy to build a stronger U.S. workforce in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Approximately 5,000 students from across the nation compete in TARC each year. The contest challenges students to design, build and fly a rocket to safely carry a raw egg payload to a specific altitude and back within a certain amount of time. Top placing teams split more than \$100,000 in cash and scholarships and the overall winning team will travel to Europe to compete in the International Rocketry Challenge taking place at either the Farnborough or Paris Air Show, depending on the year.

Website: www.rocketcontest.org

TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION COMPETITIONS

6-8 · 9-12

Every year, the Technology Student Association hosts over 50 competitive events for high school and middle school students. Competition events include animation, coding, engineering, and many more.

Website: www.tsaweb.org

THE CARSONS SCHOLARS FUND

K-5 · 6-8 · 9-12

The Carson Scholars Fund awards \$1,000 college scholarships to students in grades 4-11 who excel academically and are dedicated to serving their communities. Scholarship winners receive the honor of being named “Carson Scholars” and are awarded an Olympic-sized medal and a trophy for their school to celebrate their accomplishments.

Website: www.carsonscholars.org

UNITED STATES ACADEMIC DECATHALON

9-12

Each year, the Academic Decathlon selects a new theme for teams all over the country to explore. The theme shapes an entire course of studies—and brings it all together. Academic Decathlon isn’t about mastering a single event, but ten different skills and disciplines. Every Academic Decathlon competition, whether it’s a local round in Omaha or the national finals in Honolulu, will follow the same multidisciplinary format. Decathletes participate in five different types of events. The program currently involves 36 California counties.

Website: www.usad.org

USA BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD

9-12

As the premiere biology competition for high school students in the United States, the USA Biology Olympiad (USABO) enriches the life science education of nearly 10,000 talented students annually. It provides the motivation, curricular resources, and skills training to take them beyond their classroom experience to the level of international competitiveness.

Website: www.usabo-trc.org

USA COMPUTING OLYMPIAD

9-12

The USACO supports computing education in the USA and worldwide by identifying, motivating, and training high-school computing students at all levels. They provide free online training, online programming contests, summer training camps, and the potential to represent the USA at the International Olympiad in Informatics.

Website: www.usaco.org

USA MATHEMATICAL TALENT SEARCH

6-8 · 9-12

The USA Mathematical Talent Search (USAMTS) is a free mathematics competition open to all United States middle and high school students. As opposed to most mathematics competitions, the USAMTS allows students a full month, or more, to work out their solutions. Carefully written justifications are required for each problem. The problems range in difficulty from being within the reach of most high school students to challenging the best students in the nation.

Website: www.usamts.org

WORDMASTERS CHALLENGE

K-5 · 6-8

The WordMasters Challenge™ is a vocabulary competition based on completing analogies. Meets are held right in your own school three times per year. Download word lists for your team’s grade and difficulty level and get to work! A few weeks later, download the analogy tests. Report your scores to compete with public and private schools throughout the country.

Website: www.wordmasterschallenge.com

CALIFORNIA

GREATER EDUCATIONAL MILESTONES

6-8

Greater Educational Milestones (GEMs) seeks to find, advocate and support highly motivated and qualified students of color from South Los Angeles, Watts, Inglewood, and Compton. Through outreach in these communities, GEMs identifies and brings awareness to the educational opportunities available to these students. GEMs serves as a resource to our Partner Schools while providing educational and/or financial support to our Independent Schools.

Website: www.reachinggems.info

MARGARET GOSFIELD COLLEGE GRANT

9-12

This Scholarship is more than GPAs and honors received in school. It is intended for gifted students who are entering a college or university and have a passion beyond the academics; an intellectual or artistic passion that drives them to succeed beyond the classroom. It is meant to fuel the intellectual and artistic passion within each student without regard to the financial status of their parents. Winners receive \$1,000 to put towards attending a post-secondary institution full-time. To be eligible, students must be in 11th or 12th grade and be taking courses at an accredited California university.

Website: www.cfge.org

MOCK TRIAL STATE COMPETITION

9-12

In 1980, Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF) introduced the Mock Trial program, which already had a strong following in Los Angeles County, to all the counties in California. The program was created to help students acquire a working knowledge of our judicial system, develop analytical abilities and communication skills, and gain an understanding of their obligations and responsibilities as participating members of our society. The program currently involves 36 California counties.

Website: www.crf-usa.org/mock-trial-california

FLORIDA

SCOBEE SCHOLARSHIP

9-12

The Scobee Scholarship was created in honor of Dick Scobee, the Commander of the Challenger Space Shuttle, and is awarded annually by the Florida Association for the Gifted, Inc. (FLAG). Two \$1,000.00 scholarships will be awarded to an eligible male and female gifted student interested in pursuing studies in the areas of math/science/technology.

Website: www.flagifted.org

MASSACHUSETTS

PAUL TSONGAS SCHOLARSHIP

9-12

The Paul Tsongas Scholarship is a merit-based program that rewards Massachusetts students with a grade point average (G.P.A.) of 3.75 and highly competitive Scholastic Aptitude Test (S.A.T.) scores of at least 1200 (or the American College Testing [A.C.T.] equivalent). Eligible students receive a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees at a Massachusetts state university.

Website: www.mass.edu

NEW YORK

DISCOVER YOUR PASSION COMPETITION

K-5 · 6-8 · 9-12

The Discover Your Passion™ Competition offers New York City-based students an opportunity to explore their unique gifts, talents and passions in an area of their choice. The Grand Prize Winner will receive \$5000 toward the pursuit of his or her choice and the remaining winners will be awarded amounts consistent with their projects. Finalists will be selected within three aged-based categories.

Website: www.schoolsearchsolutions.com

NYS ACHIEVEMENT AND INVESTMENT MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

9-12

The NYS Achievement and Investment in Merit Scholarship (NY-AIMS) provides merit-based scholarships to NYS high school graduates who achieved academic excellence as a high school student, and enroll or plan to enroll in a public or private NYS college immediately after high school.

Website: www.hesc.ny.gov

OKLAHOMA

BEVERLY RIGGS CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

K-5 · 6-8 · 9-12

The Beverly Riggs Camp Scholarship will pay up to \$500 for summer camp attendance for a student who is identified as gifted and talented. The camp must be in the gifted areas of creativity, academic or artistic enrichment and/or acceleration.

Website: www.oagct.org/awards--scholarships.html

INTERNATIONAL

BIOGENEIOUS CHALLENGES

9-12

The BioGENEius Challenges are your opportunity to compete on an international stage with some of the brightest scientific minds in the world. Challenges are offered in the fields of medical biotechnology, agricultural biotechnology, and industrial/environmental biotechnology.

Website: www.biotechinstitute.org

BOTBALL

6-8 · 9-12

The Botball® Educational Robotics Program engages middle and high school aged students in a team-oriented robotics competition, and serves as a perfect way to meet today's new common core standards. By exposing students to an inquiry-based, learn-by-doing activity that appeals to their hearts as well as their minds, Botball® addresses our nation's need for a well-prepared, creative, yet disciplined workforce with leadership and teamwork experience.

Website: www.botball.org

BROWER YOUTH AWARD

9-12

Since 2000, the Brower Youth Award has recognized outstanding youth leaders who are making strides in the environmental movement. Under the umbrella of the New Leaders Initiative, the Brower Youth Awards provides an elevated platform to showcase and honor the accomplishments of young environmental leaders. Each year, six young people based in North America are awarded the prize,

joining a growing and diverse cadre of green leaders who are publicly recognized for their sustainable projects, innovative ideas, and informed analyses.

Website: www.broweryouthawards.org

BURGER KING SCHOLARS PROGRAM

9-12

Created in memory of BURGER KING Co-founder James "Jim" W. McLamore, the BURGER KING Scholars program has awarded \$32 million in scholarships to more than 30,000 high school students, BK® employees and their families across the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico since 2000. Scholarship grants range from \$1,000 to \$50,000 and are intended to help students offset the cost of attending college or post-secondary vocational/technical school. Recipients are selected based on their grade point average (GPA), work experience, extracurricular activities and community service.

Website: www.bkmclamorefoundation.org

EXPLORA VISION

K-5 · 6-8 · 9-12

The ExploraVision competition for K-12 students engages the next generation in real world problem solving with a strong emphasis on STEM. ExploraVision challenges students to envision and communicate new technology 20 years in the future through collaborative brainstorming and research of current science and technology.

Website: www.exploravision.org

FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING PROGRAM INTERNATIONAL

K-5 · 6-8 · 9-12

Founded in 1974 by creativity pioneer, Dr. E. Paul Torrance, Future Problem Solving Program International (FPSPI) stimulates critical and creative thinking skills, encourages students to develop a vision for the future, and prepares students for leadership roles. FPSPI engages students in creative problem solving within the curriculum and provides competitive opportunities.

Website: www.fpsp.org

GOOGLE GLOBAL SCIENCE FAIR

6-8 · 9-12

The Google Science Fair is a global online science and engineering competition open to individuals and teams from ages 13-to-18.

Website: www.google-sciencefair.com

HARVARD-MIT MATHEMATICS TOURNAMENT

9-12

Founded in 1998, the Harvard-MIT Mathematics Tournament (HMMT) is one of the largest and most prestigious high school competitions in the world. Each tournament draws close to 1000 students from around the globe, including top scorers at national and international olympiads. HMMT is entirely student-organized, by students at Harvard, MIT, and nearby schools, many of whom are HMMT alumni themselves.

Website: www.hmmt.com

INTEL INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

9-12

The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF), a program of Society for Science & the Public (the Society), is the world's largest international pre-college science competition. Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to enter.

Website: www.student.societyforscience.org

INTERNATIONAL BRAIN BEE

9-12

The International Brain Bee was founded in 1999 and is the world-wide neuroscience competition for high school students. Directed by founder Dr. Norbert Myslinski, the Brain Bee motivates students to

learn about the brain, captures their imaginations, and inspires them to pursue neuroscience careers in order to help treat and find cures for neurological and psychological disorders.

Website: www.dental.umaryland.edu

INTERNATIONAL CYBER FAIR

K-5 · 6-8 · 9-12

International CyberFair, now in its 20th year, is an award-winning, authentic learning program used by schools and youth organizations around the world. Students conduct research about their local communities and use digital media to publish their findings online. This White House endorsed program encourages youth to become ambassadors for their own local communities by working collaboratively with community members and using technology tools to publish a website or create a video that displays what they have learned.

Website: www.globalschoolnet.org

JANE AUSTEN SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA ESSAY CONTEST

9-12

To foster the study and appreciation of Jane Austen, JASNA conducts an annual student Essay Contest. Support is generously provided by a grant in memory of the late Russell Clark and in honor of William Phillips, educators and leaders in JASNA's Greater Chicago Region. Students interested in the life and works of Jane Austen are encouraged to enter. The Essay Contest is open to students world-wide at the high school, college/university, and graduate school levels of study.

Website: www.johnrausch.com

KIDS PHILOSOPHY SLAM

K-5 · 6-8 · 9-12

The Mission of the Kids Philosophy Slam is to give kids a voice and to inspire kids to think by unlocking their intellectual and creative potential through a unique and powerful philosophical forum. It is designed to make philosophy accessible and fun for kids of all ages and abilities, to promote a philosophical dialogue between kids and adults, and to promote a greater awareness of philosophy and education in everyday life.

Website: www.philosophyslams.org

KIDS' LIT QUIZ

6-8

The Kids' Lit Quiz is an annual literature quiz for students aged 10 - 13 years. Quizzes are held in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom and USA. The winning team from each heat competes in a National Final. National champions compete in the World Final. The quiz was founded by New Zealand quizmaster Wayne Mills, who reads enough books to write several thousand questions each year. You can test your team on some of Wayne's questions by visiting our Question Bank.

Website: www.kidslitquiz.com

MANDELBROT COMPETITION

9-12

The Mandelbrot Competition is an excellent mathematical resource for students and teachers in the United States and around the world. They believe that problem solving is one of the most effective means for exploring the world of mathematics, and that contests provide an exciting and motivational setting in which to do so.

Website: www.mandelbrot.org

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC NATURE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

9-12

The National Geographic Nature Photographer of the Year is looking for photos that showcase the awe-inspiring and diverse natural world around us. That could be a powerful wildlife shot, a stunning

landscape, or a look at a complicated environmental issue—whatever nature means to you.

Website: www.photography.nationalgeographic.com

NCTE PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT LITERARY MAGAZINES 6-8 · 9-12

Every year, the National Council of Teachers of English recognizes excellent literary magazines produced by students, teachers, and schools. The competition is open to all secondary and middle schools throughout the United States, Canada, Virgin Islands, and to American schools abroad.

Website: www.ncte.org

NSLI-Y SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY LANGUAGE ABROAD 9-12

The National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, provides merit-based scholarships for eligible high school students and recent high school graduates to learn less commonly taught languages in summer and academic-year overseas immersion programs. Scholarships are available for students to learn the following languages: Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Korean, Persian (Tajiki), Russian, and Turkish.

Website: www.nsliforyouth.org

PHYSICS PHOTO CONTEST 9-12

Through the Physics Photo Contest, students compete in an international arena with more than 1,000 of their peers for recognition and prizes. The contest is open to high school students. Students must take a photo of an object or scene, and then explain the physics concepts behind the image. Winners receive up to \$100.

Website: www.aapt.org

PHYSICSBOWL 9-12

The PhysicsBowl is a 40-question, multiple choice test that is based on physics concepts typically covered in a high school physics class. Winners are awarded based on region.

Website: www.aapt.org

PURPLE COMET MATH MEET 6-8 · 9-12

The Purple Comet! Math Meet is a free, online, international, team mathematics competition designed for middle school and high school students conducted annually since 2003.

Website: www.purplecomet.org

SCIENCE WITHOUT BORDERS CHALLENGE 6-8 · 9-12

Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation's Science without Borders® Challenge is an international art competition that engages students to promote the need to preserve, protect, and restore the world's oceans and aquatic resources. The Science without Borders® Challenge was created to get students and teachers interested in ocean conservation through various forms of art. This annual contest inspires students to be creative while learning about important ocean conservation issues.

Website: www.livingoceansfoundation.org

YOUNG ARTIST SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION 6-8 · 9-12

The Young Artist Scholarship Competition awards approximately \$20,000 in scholarships each year! Scholarships are awarded in each age division and instrument category. First place awards for college are \$1,000; high school, \$750; and junior high, \$500. Second place and honorable mention awards are also granted. First place winners are recognized with a featured concert performance at MacPhail Center for Music, Minneapolis. Additional performance opportunities are also offered to winners.

Website: www.thursdaymusical.org

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IEA PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

ACADEMY

The Academy provides young students performing at the Kindergarten-8th grade levels with challenging summer, after-school and weekend enrichment classes that focus on exploration and application of knowledge.

CAROLINE D. BRADLEY SCHOLARSHIP

The CDB Scholarship awards highly gifted students with a four-year scholarship to a high school that best fits their individual intellectual and personal needs.

CONSULTING

IEA provides a variety of consulting services to families with highly gifted children as well as tools and training to help educators support the needs of gifted learners in schools. IEA also hosts free parent support group meetings, and IEA staff members speak at a variety of events and conferences relevant to gifted youth.

EXPLORE

EXPLORE matches gifted and advanced high school students with distinguished mentors, hands-on research opportunities and professional experience in their field of interest.

GIFTED RESOURCE CENTER

The GRC is a free, searchable online database that helps students, parents, and educators identify opportunities and resources for gifted children.

GIFTED SUPPORT GROUP

During the school year, IEA offers complimentary monthly gifted support group meetings featuring experts on various aspects of gifted youth. Sharing experiences with parents and educators who interact with gifted kids has proven to be enormously helpful.

YUNASA

IEA's pioneering Yunasa summer camps unite highly able youngsters and experts in the social and emotional development of gifted children. In a nurturing setting, campers explore and grow the intellectual, spiritual, emotional, social and physical aspects of their lives.



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