



NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing

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Award Purpose

The “NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing” acknowledges the computing achievements and aspirations of young women, and generates visibility for women’s participation in computing-related pursuits.

Award Criteria

- » Applicants must be high-school level girls (grades 9-12).
- » Applicants must reside in the United States of America.
- » Applicants should have a demonstrated, outstanding aptitude and interest in IT/computing.
- » Applicants should have demonstrated leadership ability.
- » Applicants should have good academic history, typically a GPA of 3.0 or better.
- » Applicants should have post-secondary education plans.
- » Students from underrepresented groups¹ and current Juniors/Seniors are strongly encouraged to apply.
- » For tax purposes, each applicant must have a valid social security number or Tax ID number.
- » Past applicants including semi-finalists are encouraged to apply, however, previous National award-winners are not eligible to reapply or receive any awards.
- » Relatives of employees or board members of NCWIT are prohibited from receiving the award.

Award Components

Each qualified award recipient will receive:

- » An engraved award for the student and her school.
- » Recognition at an award ceremony.
- » Recognition as an award recipient on the NCWIT website.
- » Access to the Winners of the NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing online community.
- » Additional prizes (visit the specific award competition web page for complete prize details).

Award Process

- » Applicants must complete the online application, electronically sign the consent release and provide a name, email address and phone number for a parent/guardian and school official (teacher, counselor, etc.) to endorse the application.
- » Applications will be reviewed by computing/education professionals who will recommend a slate of potential awardees; final selection will be made by the NCWIT Award committees at their sole discretion.
- » Each applicant and her parent/legal guardian must electronically sign a release form indicating support of the student’s consideration for the Award and consent to use the student’s likeness and information in press-related materials, including print collateral, video, and media articles.
- » Recipients and their parents/guardians must sign a hard-copy release to participate in the award event.
- » Applications that are late or incomplete will not be considered. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that her application is endorsed by her parent/guardian and school official by the endorsement deadline.
- » All application materials and related materials become the property of NCWIT, and cannot be released for other purposes and will not be returned.

Complete award competition details, deadlines and information can be found at www.ncwit.org/award.

¹ Groups underrepresented in computing include women, persons with disabilities, African Americans, Hispanics, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders.

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