

National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT)

Award for Aspirations in Computing

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Award Purpose

The "NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing" was created to acknowledge the computing aspirations of young women and generate visibility for women's participation in computing-related pursuits.



Award Components



Each qualified awardee will receive:

- \$500 in cash
- a laptop computer, provided by Bank of America
- a trip, including airfare for nonlocal winners (restricted to winners outside of a 50 mile radius of the Charlotte, NC metro area), some meals, and lodging, all provided by Bank of America, for each awardee and one accompanying parent or legal guardian, to attend the Bank of America Technology Showcase and Awards Ceremony, March 7, 2009, held in Charlotte, North Carolina
- an engraved award for both the student and the student's school
- inclusion in a video that highlights award winners' accomplishments in computing, future aspirations, and participation in the Award events in Charlotte, North Carolina, as well as a copy of the final Award video



Award Criteria

- Applicants must be high-school girls. Each applicant will identify a geographic region in her application based on either the applicant's primary residence or the location of the school attended by the applicant. Up to five winners will be selected from each of the Greater metropolitan areas of Atlanta, GA; Boston, MA; Charlotte, NC; Chicago, IL; Dallas, TX; Denver, CO; Jacksonville, FL; Los Angeles, CA; New York, NY; and San Francisco, CA. Up to ten winners will be selected from all other U.S. locations. Preference will be given to students who are high school juniors or seniors during the 2008-2009 academic year.
- Applicants must have a demonstrated, outstanding aptitude and interest in IT/computing.
- Applicants must have demonstrated leadership ability.
- Applicants must have good academic history, typically a GPA of 3.0 or better. Applicants who do not meet this cutoff may be considered with an explanation of mitigating factors.
- Applicants must have post-secondary education plans.
- Minority applicants are strongly encouraged.
- A broad representation of area high-schools is strongly sought.
- For tax purposes, each applicant must have a valid social security number.
- Previous award winners are not eligible to reapply or receive any awards.
- Relatives of employees or board members of NCWIT and/or Bank of America are prohibited from receiving awards.

Complete application materials and details are available at www.ncwit.org/award.

Online self-nominations must be submitted by December 1, 2008.

Supporting documents must be received by NCWIT on or before December 1, 2008. Applications that are late or incomplete will not be considered.

Award selection notification will be made by approximately mid-December 2008.

Award acceptance documents must be received by Bank of America on or before January 2, 2009.