IT’S APPLICATION TIME!

Use this sharing package to help us spread the word about all of the 2020 NCWIT Aspirations in Computing awards for 9th-12th grade women and educators, as well as college women.

Enclosed, you’ll find detailed information on prizes and deadlines, as well as sample messaging for social media and publications.

We thank you for your support!
UPDATE FROM THE MARYLAND AFFILIATE

OVERVIEW

The Maryland Affiliate is proud to host the eighth annual NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing (AiC) in 2019-2020. NCWIT represents the National Center for Women in Computing and in partnership with multiple companies, including Apple and the Bank of America, honors high school females who are pursuing their passions in computing and technology. Award recipients are selected for their aptitude and interest in IT and computing, solid leadership ability, community service and learning outside of school, good academic history, and plans for post-secondary education. The University of Maryland, College Park, UMBC, and Loyola University Maryland partner together to help recognize the best students for this prestigious award in the Maryland region.

ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENTS

We encourage your students to apply regardless of their technology experience at www.aspirations.org! In order to apply, the applicant must be a female high school student.

The applications are now open and close on November 5th, 2019 at 8pm MST. If you know of any students that would be perfect for this award, you can use our “Encourage a Student” form: https://go.umd.edu/NCWITEncourage, to input your student’s information and we will reach out to them with information and reminders to apply.

RESOURCES

Included in this package are fliers and postcards that can be put around your school, in addition to information sheets that can be given to girls in computer science and technology classes that explain how to apply for the award. All of these fliers can be found online at https://go.umd.edu/NCWITAspirations.

We hope you can pass this information onto computer science and technology teachers to encourage their students to apply. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to any of the contacts on the back of this page. We hope to see your students become a part of the Aspirations community!

Sincerely,
NCWIT Aspirations in Computing- Maryland Affiliate
The NCWIT Aspirations in Computing (AiC) Educator Award identifies exemplary formal and informal educators who play a pivotal role in encouraging 9th-12th grade students who self-identify as women, genderqueer, or non-binary to explore their interest in computing and technology. The multi-tiered award structure includes Winner and Honorable Mention designations at National and Regional Affiliate levels, serving all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and all U.S. overseas military bases.

CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY
Any educator (formal or informal), counselor, administrator, mentor, or other influencer who supports the computing-related passions of 9th-12th grade students who self-identify as women, genderqueer, or non-binary is welcome to apply, if they meet all of the criteria specified at www.aspirations.org/AiCEduAward.

PRIZES
Each Regional Affiliate Award Winner and Honorable Mention receives:
• recognition at a Regional Affiliate Award event
• increased visibility in their school district and community
• NCWIT resources and promotional items
• an engraved award for both the Educator and their school

APPLICATION DETAILS
Educators can submit their completed application for the Regional Affiliate Award at www.aspirations.org/AiCEduAward, beginning on September 1, 2019 and no later than 8:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST) on Monday, December 2, 2019.

National AiC Educator Award applications open in January 2020 and are by invitation only to past AiC Educator Award recipients. The winner receives a cash prize of $2,500 and a trip to the 2020 NCWIT Summit on Women and IT in Detroit, Michigan in May.

ABOUT NCWIT
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The NCWIT Collegiate Award honors the outstanding computing accomplishments of undergraduate and graduate students who self-identify as women, genderqueer, or non-binary. Conferred annually, the award recognizes technical contributions to projects that demonstrate a high level of innovation and potential impact. The multi-tiered award structure includes Winner and Honorable Mention.

ELIGIBILITY
Any U.S. permanent resident who self-identifies as a woman, genderqueer, or non-binary is eligible to apply, if they also meet all of the criteria specified at www.aspirations.org/AiCCollegiateAward.

PRIZES
Each Award Winner and Honorable Mention receives:
- a trip to the 2020 NCWIT Summit on Women and IT in Detroit, Michigan in May, including a private networking reception and awards ceremony
- an engraved award, computing resources, gadgets, sponsor-branded swag, and more
In addition to the prizes listed above, each Award Winner receives $10,000 in cash, and each Honorable Mention receives $2,500 in cash.

APPLICATION DETAILS
The 2020 NCWIT Collegiate Award will be conducted in two rounds: Preliminary and Finalist.

Preliminary Round: Students may apply online, beginning on September 1, 2019, and submit completed applications no later than 8:00 p.m. MDT on Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

Finalist Round: Applicants representing three categories — (1) freshmen, sophomores, and two-year college students; (2) juniors and seniors; and (3) graduate students — will be selected from the Preliminary Round to participate in the Finalist Round.

Students selected for the Finalist Round will be invited to complete their application online, beginning on December 9, 2019, and must submit no later than January 17, 2020.

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The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing (AiC) honors 9th-12th grade students for their computing-related achievements and interests, and encourages them to pursue their passions. The multi-tiered award structure includes Winner, Honorable Mention, Rising Star, and Certificate of Distinction designations at National and Regional Affiliate levels, serving all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and all U.S. overseas military bases. Since 2007, nearly 14,000 students have received an Award for AiC.

CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY
Any U.S. student in grades 9 through 12 who self-identifies as a woman, genderqueer, or non-binary is eligible to apply. Applicants who meet all of the eligibility requirements outlined at www.aspirations.org/AiCHSAward will be considered for both the National and Regional Affiliate Award designations.

PRIZES
All award designations receive automatic induction into the AiC Community (a national network of peers, supported by professionals and volunteers) and various prizes, such as computing resources, gadgets, and swag.

Each National and Regional Affiliate Award Winner receives:
- recognition at a Regional Affiliate Award event (at the discretion of the Regional Affiliate Award program)
- an engraved award for both the recipient and the recipient’s school
- scholarship and internship opportunities

Each National Award Winner receives cash and a trip to the National Award for AiC Celebration in March 2020, hosted by Bank of America.

APPLICATION DETAILS
Students can apply online at www.aspirations.org/AiCHSAward, beginning September 1, 2019 and submit completed applications no later than 8:00 p.m. MST on November 5, 2019.

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The entire Aspirations in Computing (AiC) program platform is supported generously by Apple. AiC also receives support for specific national program elements. The Cognizant U.S. Foundation provides broad support for growing the Aspirations program in strategic regional efforts. The NCWIT Award for AiC is sponsored by Apple, Bank of America, Microsoft, and Motorola Solutions Foundation.
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Apply for the NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing
www.aspirations.org

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Applications are open September 1 – November 5, 2019.
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Come meet us in person!

October 6th, 2019
8am-6pm
Ladies Navigate Computer Science - UMD Center for Women in Computing
RSVP Link: www.go.umd.edu/LNCS

October 18th, 2019
3pm-6pm
Building Excellence through Scholarships in Technology - UMBC CWIT
RSVP Link: www.cwit.umbc.edu/best-of-cwit

October 19th, 2019
8am-6pm
High School Programming Workshop - UMD Center for Women in Computing
RSVP Link: www.go.umd.edu/HSWorkshopFall19

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