NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing

The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing (AiC) honors women in grades 9 through 12 who are active and interested in computing and technology, and encourages them to pursue their passions. The multi-tiered award structure includes winner, honorable mention, and certificate of distinction designations at national and regional 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 U.S. woman in grades 9 through 12 is eligible to apply and will be considered for both the National and Affiliate Award, if she also meets *all* of the criteria as specified at www.aspirations.org/AiCHSAward.

PRIZES

Each National and Regional Affiliate Award winner, as well as each honorable mention, receives:

- recognition at a Regional Affiliate Award event (at the discretion of the Regional Affiliate Award program)
- an engraved award for both her and her school
- scholarship and internship opportunities
- entry to a peer-network of technical women in the NCWIT AiC Community
- various prizes, such as computing resources, gadgets, swag, and more

In addition to the prizes listed above, each National Award winner receives cash and a trip to the National Award Celebration in March 2019, hosted by Bank of America; each recipient with a Certificate of Distinction designation receives various prizes and entry to the NCWIT AiC Community.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Students can apply online at www.aspirations.org/AiCHSAward, beginning September 1, 2018 and no later than 8:00 p.m. MST on November 5, 2018.

ABOUT NCWIT

The National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) is a non-profit community of more than 1,100 universities, companies, non-profits, and government organizations nationwide working to increase girls' and women's meaningful participation in computing. NCWIT equips change leaders with resources for taking action in recruiting, retaining, and advancing women from K–12 and higher education through industry and entrepreneurial careers. Find out more at www.ncwit.org.

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

Use the sample messaging below to help us identify and support passionate technical women in grades 9 through 12. (Download shareable graphics at www.aspirations.org/AiCAwards_Share.)

Twitter

Make sure to include the following handles and hashtag whenever possible: @NCWIT, @NCWITAIC, and #NCWITAiC19.

- Recipients of the @NCWITAIC Award receive various prizes, like computing resources, gadgets, and swag: www.aspirations.org/AiCHSAward. #NCWITAiC19
- 9th-12th grade women with any level of computing experience can apply for the @NCWITAIC Award. // www.aspirations.org/AiCHSAward #NCWITAiC19
- "This Award is really a springboard; it empowers you to try for bigger and better things." www.aspirations.org/AiCHSAward #NCWITAiC19

Facebook

- ATTN: technical women in grades 9-12! Apply now for the NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing, and receive acknowledgement for all that you do (or want to do) in technology. Visit www.aspirations.org/AiCHSAward for details. // #NCWITAiC19
- Recipients of the NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing receive engraved awards, scholarship and internship opportunities, entry to a peer-network of technical women in the NCWIT AiC Community, various prizes, and more. // Share this status with women in grades 9-12 who should apply! www.aspirations.org/AiCHSAward #NCWITAiC19

For Publications

Calling all hackers, coders, and 9th-12th grade women! Applications are open for the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) Award for Aspirations in Computing. Recipients receive engraved awards, scholarship and internship opportunities, entry to a peer-network of technical women in the NCWIT AiC Community, various prizes, and more. Students can apply online at www.aspirations.org/AiCHSAward no later than 8:00 p.m. MST on November 5, 2018. Students with any level of experience are encouraged to apply: NCWIT recognizes aspirations as well as accomplishments!