

Entries sought for scholarship on independent competition

Entry materials are now available for the 54th Westinghouse Science Talent Search, a high school science scholarship competition. All U.S. high school seniors are eligible to participate. To qualify, students must write a report on an independent research project in science, mathematics or engineering and submit it for judging. Entries must be received by Science Service by Dec. 1. Interested parties must request entry materials from Science Service at 1719 N Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, or by phone at (202) 785-2255. Westinghouse has been the sole sponsor of the competition since 1942. To date, the corporation has awarded scholarships of nearly \$3

million to more than 2,000 young scientists and recommended more than 15,000 semifinalists to colleges and universities. Search candidates are judged by a board of eight scientists from a variety of disciplines. Three-hundred semifinalists are selected from a field of nearly 2,000 entries. From this group, 40 finalists receive all-expense-paid trips to Washington, D.C., where they participate in final judging. Final judging for the present competition takes place March 8-13, 1995. During the final judging in Washington, the judges place primary emphasis on open-ended questions designed to elicit evidence of the students' scientific creativity. Westinghouse awards a total of \$205,000 in scholarships to the top 40 winners.

First prize is a \$40,000 scholarship. The second-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship, and the third-place scholarship is for \$20,000. Three \$15,000 and four \$10,000 scholarships are also awarded. The remaining 30 finalists each receive \$1,000 scholarships. To date in the history of the program, five finalists have gone on to win Nobel Prizes and two have won Fields Medals, the Nobel equivalent in mathematics. Three have earned the National Medal of Science. Nine Search alumni have won MacArthur Foundation Fellowships. Fifty-six have been named Sloan Research Fellows, 30 have been elected to the National Academy of Sciences and three to the National Academy of Engineering.

Womencenter holds annual open house

The Oakland Community College Womencenter on the Orchard Ridge campus will be holding its annual open house 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22. The community is invited to attend for refreshments and information on the Womencenter's programs and services and to meet the staff, interns and volunteers. Located in J Building, Room 308, the OCC Womencenter is a facility that provides educational and supportive resources for area women. It offers support groups, seminars, workshops and conferences encompassing a wide range of women's issues. Also provided is information on area resources and agencies of interest to women. For further information on the Open House and other program offerings call the Womencenter at 810-471-7602. The Orchard Ridge campus is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696 in Farmington Hills.

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