The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing honors young women who are active and interested in computing and technology, and encourages them to pursue their passions. This multi-tiered competition includes recognition at the national level (sponsored by Bank of America) and at the local level (sponsored by Microsoft), 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
NCWIT recognizes aspirations as well as accomplishments! Any U.S. high school woman in grades 9 through 12 is eligible to apply, if she also meets both of the following criteria:

- She attends a high school in the U.S. or is a U.S. citizen attending a high school in Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or on a U.S. military base.
- She has a U.S. Tax Identification or Social Security Number.

Aspirations Award recipients are chosen for their outstanding aptitude and interest in computing, proven leadership ability, academic performance, and plans for post-secondary education.

*Recipients are eligible to win the National Award one time during grades 9-12; Affiliates allow repeat recipients at their own discretion.

PRIZES
Each National Winner wins a cash prize and laptop, as well as other prizes that vary each year. Each winner will be invited to the National Award Ceremony held each spring, along with a parent or guardian, and is eligible to also win at the local affiliate level as well.

Applications open around Sept. 1 and are generally due in early November each year.


ABOUT NCWIT
The National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) is a non-profit community of more than 650 universities, companies, non-profits, and government organizations nationwide working to increase women's meaningful participation in computing and technology. 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](http://www.ncwit.org).