Computing Medal and Scholarship Program

The Computing Medal and Scholarship Program recognizes high school juniors who have distinguished themselves academically, are active and involved members of their school and community, and demonstrate interest and ability in computing.

Students selected to receive the Computing Medal are eligible for a $28,000 RIT Computing Medal Scholarship ($7,000 per year) if they:

• are accepted for admission to a baccalaureate level (BS or BFA) program at RIT,
• enroll at RIT full time in the fall immediately following their high school graduation.

Students may use this scholarship to pursue any of the baccalaureate degree programs available in RIT’s nine colleges.

Note: Students who qualify for an additional RIT merit-based scholarship will be awarded the scholarship with the highest value.

Please note that this award does not require that medal recipients plan to enroll in a computing-related major.

Selection Process

Recipients of the award are nominated by their high schools. Each participating high school may nominate one male and one female student who:

• demonstrate outstanding academic performance while pursuing a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum,
• rank in the top 10 percent of their junior class (schools without an official rank should estimate rank),
• are involved as leaders in their school and/or community, and
• demonstrate an interest and ability in computing.

Note: Single-gender schools may nominate two students.

Evidence of interest and ability in computing may include superior grades in computing-related classes or completion of a school or community project that demonstrates a high level of knowledge or experience in computing. Examples would include hardware construction, software development, webpage development, multimedia presentations, computer graphics, or the high-level use of computing in other areas such as business, science, math, art, design, film, animation, or photography.

Computing skills are important in many of RIT’s degree programs. A recipient’s intended major does not need to be a part of the selection criteria. It is more important that schools nominate students who have strong academic achievement and demonstrated leadership in school and/or community activities.

Schools must complete and return their nomination forms to RIT no later than May 15 of the student’s junior year. RIT staff will review and approve the nominees, and Computing Medals will be mailed to the schools for presentation to each winner. Schools are encouraged to present these medals during their annual student awards ceremonies.

Online nomination forms and additional information can be found at www.rit.edu/hsawards

or contact:
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Enrollment Management & Career Services
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585-475-5502
The Innovation & Creativity Award Program recognizes high school juniors who have distinguished themselves academically, are active and involved members of their school and community, and demonstrate outstanding achievement in innovation, creativity, or entrepreneurship.

Selection Process

Recipients of the award are nominated by their high schools. Each participating high school may nominate one male and one female student who:

- demonstrate outstanding academic performance while pursuing a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum,
- rank in the top 10 percent of their junior class (schools without an official rank should estimate rank),
- are involved as leaders in their school and/or community, and
- demonstrate outstanding achievement in innovation, creativity, or entrepreneurship.

A recipient’s intended major does not need to be a part of the selection criteria. It is more important that schools nominate students who have strong academic achievement and demonstrated leadership in school and/or community activities.

Schools must complete and return their nomination forms to RIT no later than May 15 of the student’s junior year. RIT staff will review and approve the nominees, and certificates will be mailed to the schools for presentation to each winner. Schools are encouraged to present these certificates during their annual student awards ceremonies.

Examples include innovative use of technology in areas such as business, science, math, art, crafts, design, film, animation, or photography using divergent thinking, imagination, and/or risk-taking.

Please note that this award does not require that award recipients enroll in an art, design, or photography major.
RIT in Brief

RIT is an internationally recognized leader in preparing deaf and hard-of-hearing students for successful careers in professional and technical fields. The university provides unparalleled access and support services for the more than 1,200 deaf and hard-of-hearing students who live, study, and work with hearing students on the RIT campus.

RIT ALUMNI number more than 118,000 worldwide.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION provides paid career-related work experience in many degree programs. RIT has the fourth-oldest and one of the largest cooperative education programs in the world, annually placing more than 4,300 students in more than 5,700 co-op assignments with more than 2,200 employers across the United States and overseas.

WALLACE LIBRARY is a multimedia center offering a vast array of resource materials. The library provides access to more than 250 electronic databases, 40,000 electronic journals, and more than 150,000 e-books. Resource materials also include audio, film, and video titles and more than 500,000 books and print journals.

HOUSING: Many of RIT’s full-time students live in RIT residence halls, apartments, or townhouses on campus. On-campus fraternities, sororities, and special-interest houses are also available. Freshmen are guaranteed housing.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Major social events and activities are sponsored by the College Activities Board, Residence Halls Association, sororities, fraternities, and special-interest clubs of many kinds. There are more than 300 clubs and student organizations on campus.

ATHLETICS: Men’s Teams—baseball, basketball, crew, cross country, ice hockey (Division I), lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis, track, and wrestling

Women’s Teams—basketball, crew, cross country, ice hockey (Division I), lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track, and volleyball

RIT offers a wide variety of activities for students at all levels of ability. More than 50 percent of our undergraduate students participate in intramural sports ranging from flag football to golf and indoor soccer. Facilities include the Gordon Field House, featuring two swimming pools, a fitness center, indoor track, and an event venue with seating for 8,500; the Hale-Andrews Student Life Center, with five multipurpose courts, eight racquetball courts, and a dance/aerobics studio; the Ritter Ice Arena; and outdoor facilities including an all-weather track, tennis courts, and several athletic fields. The newly opened Gene Polisseni Center, which houses RIT’s new hockey arena, accommodates 4,300.

VISITS TO CAMPUS are encouraged and may be arranged in advance by calling 585-475-6631. Deaf and hard-of-hearing students may arrange campus visits by calling 585-475-6700, toll free in the U.S. and Canada at 866-644-6843, or by videophone at 585-743-1566.

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UNIVERSITY COLORS: Orange and brown
UNIVERSITY MASCOT: Bengal tiger “Ritchie”
UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TEAMS: Tigers

RIT does not discriminate. RIT promotes and values diversity within its workforce and provides equal opportunity to all qualified individuals regardless of race, color, creed, age, marital status, sex, gender, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, veteran status, or disability.

FOUNDED IN 1829, Rochester Institute of Technology is a privately endowed, coeducational university with nine colleges emphasizing career education and experiential learning.

THE CAMPUS occupies 1,300 acres in suburban Rochester, the third-largest city in New York state. RIT also has international campuses in China, Croatia, Dubai, and Kosovo.

DEGREES: RIT offers the following degrees: doctoral (Ph.D.) programs in astrophysical sciences and technology, color science, computing and information sciences, engineering, imaging science, mathematical modeling, microsystems engineering, and sustainability; master’s degree programs: master of architecture (M. Arch.), master of business administration (MBA), master of engineering (ME), master of fine arts (MFA), master of science (MS), and master of science for teachers (MST); bachelor’s degree programs: bachelor of fine arts (BFA) and bachelor of science (BS), and associate degree programs: AS, AOS, AAS.

THE RIT STUDENT BODY consists of approximately 15,400 undergraduate and 3,200 graduate students. Enrolled students represent all 50 states and more than 100 countries. Nearly 3,200 students from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds are enrolled on the main campus along with approximately 2,700 international students. An additional 1,760 students are enrolled at RIT’s international campuses.