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.

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 rit.edu/hsawards or contact:

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Students selected to receive the Computing Medal are eligible for a $32,000 RIT Computing Medal Scholarship ($8,000 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, multi-media presentations, computer graphics, or the high-level use of computing in other areas such as business, science, math, art, design, film, animation, or photography.
The Innovation and 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.

Students selected to receive the Innovation & Creativity Award are eligible for a $32,000 RIT Innovation & Creativity Scholarship ($8,000 per year) if they:

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Supporting evidence for this award could include any one or more of the following: outstanding achievement in the performing arts; using divergent thinking or imagination in art, design, photography, film, or animation; starting your own business; innovative community service; or extensive involvement in activities related to sustainability or the environment.

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