

## **SIMON PRIZE HELPFUL HINTS**

1. Did you do anything last summer that helped you grow in mathematics or math-related areas? Make notes about it on your phone or computer or in a notebook.
2. Be alert for information from your teachers about extra things you can do in class or outside of class that you can relate to math.
3. Keep notes about projects you are doing in any of your classes that you can relate to math.
4. Make notes about extracurricular activities that you are participating in this year that you can relate to math.
5. Give some thought to what part of learning about math you find interesting.
6. Give some thought to what you want to do after high school. Do you have an interest in preparing for a career that will involve math in any way?
7. Sign up for the special test that is given to Prize applicants. The test will be given in February or March, so be alert for an announcement around that time.
8. Let your math teacher know that you would like for her to write a recommendation for you.
9. Ask as many as two other teachers to recommend you for the Prize.
10. Request your application as soon as the online window opens so you will have plenty of time to think about what you want to write.
11. Be sure you fill out all the required parts of the application. Fill in as much as you can in response to the optional questions.
12. Carefully follow the directions about how to fill out your application.
13. Ask someone to review your application and check for misspellings, grammatical errors or unanswered questions.
14. Print out your application and turn it in before the deadline!

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