

**PREPARING TO APPLY FOR THE
2020 SIMON PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS FOR GIRLS**

Online application forms for the Prize will be available beginning February 24, 2020 but you can begin preparing to fill out your form now. Below is some information for you to think about.

You will be REQUIRED to have the following items on your application.

1. The name of your current math teacher. (You must have a recommendation from her so you can let her know that you intend to apply.)
2. A narrative, not to exceed 800 characters, on why you are interested in mathematics and how receiving this prize would help you attain your academic and career goals. (You can begin gathering your thoughts and making some notes.)

You will NOT BE REQUIRED to include the items listed below. However, you MAY WANT TO INCLUDE them on your application.

1. As many as three school or community extracurricular activities you have participated in during grades 5 – 7 that are/were relevant to mathematics and/or problem solving. You will be expected to provide the
 - a. Name of the activity.
 - b. Name of the sponsor.
 - c. Grade(s) during which you participated.
 - d. Reasons why you think your participation shows your interest and ability in mathematics.
 - i. If you would like for something to be viewed online, all necessary steps for accessing it should be included.
2. As many as three examples of exemplary performance on a class project. You will be expected to provide the
 - a. Name of the project.
 - b. Subject, grade level and teacher when project was done and whether it was required or optional.
 - c. Concise description of the project.
 - i. If you would like for something to be viewed online, all necessary steps for accessing it should be included.
 - d. Reasons why you think the project shows your interest and ability in mathematics.
3. Names of as many as two teachers in addition to your current math teacher who you have asked to submit a recommendation for you. (You can let the teacher(s) know that you will be asking for a recommendation.)

Deadline for submitting online application forms will be April 1, 2020

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, SEND AN EMAIL TO SimonPrize@conwayschools.net