

# **The Simon Prize for Excellence in Mathematics 2018-2019**

Awarded to girls in each grade who show interest, aptitude and achievement in the field of mathematics

Prizes will be given to one recipient in grade 7, two recipients in grade 6 and three recipients in grade 5. Each Prize will consist of

- 1) A cash award of
  - a) \$300 for Grade 7
  - b) \$100 each for Grade 6 (2 recipients)
  - c) \$50 each for Grade 5 (3 recipients)
- 2) The opportunity to select an age-appropriate activity, such as a summer camp or a summer class, that would provide an enriched experience in mathematics and/or mathematical applications sometime during the June 2019 to May 2020 timeframe. Registration fee will be paid by SIMON PRIZE.
- 3) Support for the girls as they move forward in their academic experience in mathematics. This support may include specific guidance in course selection, enrichment activities, and communication and encouragement from mentors through grade 9.

The awards will be given in May of 2019 and will be based on the following criteria:

- 1) Grades in mathematics with special attention given to the rigor of the course in which a girl is enrolled
- 2) Arkansas Aspire test scores
- 3) Performance on a special mathematics test given at SMS to Prize applicants
- 4) Exemplary performance displayed
  - a) on projects that are assigned by classroom teachers as part of course requirements
  - b) on projects or study on an additional topic beyond what is required by the teacher
- 5) Participation in extracurricular activities that require the knowledge of mathematics and the ability to apply mathematics to problem solving
- 6) Teacher recommendations

Additional information with more detail will follow in the coming weeks. On-line application forms will be available in February 2019.

What girls should do now is study hard, make good grades, do well on the standardized tests and participate in mathematics-related school projects and activities.

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