

**PREPARING TO APPLY FOR THE
2018 SIMON PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS FOR GIRLS**

Online application forms for the Prize will be available beginning February 22, 2018 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. An essay, 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.)
3. Permission from your parent or guardian for the selection committee to see
 - a. Your transcripts for grades 5 – 7.
 - b. Your scores on state-mandated tests you took in grades 4 – 6.
 - c. Your scores on other standardized tests you may have taken and wish to share. Examples:
 - i. Duke TIP
 - ii. Special test opportunity for Prize applicants
 - iii. ACT Prep
 - iv. Other

There will be a place on the application form for the parent/guardian to sign giving permission.

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. Class (subject and grade level) and teacher
 - c. If the project was required by your teacher or was done in addition to a requirement
 - d. 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.
 - e. 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 announced in January.

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