



November 2017

Dear Interested AWQ Coach,

To follow up on our recent contact, the Montana World Affairs Council (MWAC) would like to extend an invitation to your school to participate in the 2018 Academic WorldQuest Competition. This program will be held at the University of Montana in Missoula on **Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

Academic WorldQuest is a team competition developed by the World Affairs Councils of America. The event is designed to test competitors' knowledge of international affairs, geography, history, current affairs, world economy, international organizations, and more.

Since 2005, the Montana World Affairs Council has organized the Academic WorldQuest Competition in Missoula. The program has grown from three to more than 70 high school teams from around the state, making it the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest AWQ in the nation. MWAC, with Missoula's Mayor John Engen as the Master of Ceremonies, hopes to include even more teams from schools large and small for the 2018 competition.

The winning team from Montana's Academic WorldQuest Competition will be sent to Washington, D.C. to represent our state at the national level, competing with high school teams from around the country. This exciting trip is made possible by a generous grant from the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation.

The Montana World Affairs Council, founded in 2000 by Ambassador Mark Johnson (ret.), is a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization dedicated to fostering global awareness throughout our state. The Council organizes lectures, education programs, and community events on international issues. We would be delighted to work with you in establishing an Academic WorldQuest team from your school.

Early registration ends **December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Pledge a team before this deadline to receive the early registration discount. The final registration deadline is **February 9<sup>th</sup>**. ***All Academic WorldQuest information and registration forms can be found on our website at [www.montanaworldaffairs.org](http://www.montanaworldaffairs.org).***

If you are interested in participating in the WorldQuest Competition, please add [info@montanaworldaffairs.org](mailto:info@montanaworldaffairs.org) to your email's safe list and respond to this email to indicate that you have received it. Also, for questions or inquiries, we can be reached by phone at (406) 728-3328. Also "Like" us on Facebook (Search Montana World Affairs Council) for AWQ updates.

Sincerely,

Aubrie Lyons  
Executive Director

Nikki Lane  
Program Coordinator

*Bringing the World to Montana and Montana to the World*

# ACADEMIC WORLDQUEST 2018



## 2018 COMPETITION

**Monday, March 5, 2018**

**Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

University of Montana

University Center Ballroom

**Early Registration:** 12/22/2017

\$60 per team

**Last day to register:** 2/9/2018

\$70 per team

**\*Each participant will receive an AWQ t-shirt and sponsored dinner**

**\*Schools may bring up to three teams and additional alternates.**

Space is limited, so early registration is advised!

**\*The Council does not want cost to discourage participation.**

Scholarships are available.



Academic WorldQuest (AWQ) is a high school global trivia competition organized by the Montana World Affairs Council (MWAC) in partnership with the World Affairs Councils of America. AWQ is an exciting team game that tests the competitors' knowledge of international issues through a series of provoking questions. In 2017, more than 200 students competed to represent Montana in Washington D.C.—AWQ Montana is now the 3rd largest competition in the nation!

Teams, consisting of four students representing Montana high schools, compete by answering 100 multiple choice questions on pre-announced international affairs categories (10 rounds of 10 questions). The team with the highest number of correct answers is the AWQ-Montana champion. The winning team, along with their coach is sent to Washington, D.C. to represent Montana at the National Competition on Saturday, April 28, 2018. At the National Competition, students compete with teams from Councils from around the country. This program is generously sponsored by the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation.

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The Montana World Affairs Council



The Montana World Affairs Council is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering global awareness and understanding in Montana's classrooms and communities.

*MWAC is a registered 501(c) (3) non-partisan, non-profit, membership organization*

# About WorldQuest

## Pledge a Team Today!!

To start a team, simply:

1. Assemble a team of four students
2. Contact us to pledge your team
3. Encourage team to study- All questions come directly from the study guide provided
4. Compete at AWQ Montana
5. Winning team represents Montana at Nationals in Washington, D.C.

## 2018 AWQ Competition Categories

NAFTA  
ASEAN at 50  
Saudi Arabia  
Cyber Security  
Current Events  
Great Decisions  
America's Diplomats  
The Peacebuilding Toolkit  
Combatting Climate Change  
India's Bid for Global Power



## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Monday, March 5:

12:00pm: Check-in on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the University Center on UM Campus  
2:00pm: Ambassador's Welcome and Diplomacy in Action Workshop  
3:15pm: Break  
3:30pm: Ambassador's "State of the World" Address with Q&A  
4:30pm: Break  
4:45pm: UM International Student Panel  
6:15pm: Davidson Honors College Dinner

### Tuesday, March 6:

9:00am: Check-in on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the University Center on the UM Campus  
10:30am: Global Team Challenge  
12:00pm: Lunch  
12:45pm: Global Educator of the Year Award  
1:00pm: Academic WorldQuest Competition Rounds 1-5  
1:45pm: Break  
2:00pm: Academic WorldQuest Competition Rounds 6-10  
2:45pm: Dessert Break  
3:15pm: Awards Ceremony and Closing Remarks

## Special Events

**Global Team Challenge:** Students are broken up into teams of 4-6 and tasked with solving a pressing global issue. Teams are given background information, "top secret" documents, and detailed insight into the problem at hand. Students must work together to draft a resolution that will bring stability and a positive outcome to the issue.

**UM International Student Panel:** University of Montana international students will present about their home country's traditions, history, culture, political climate and their experience studying in the US. Afterwards, students will engage in Q&A with visiting international presenters making this a unique opportunity to learn about new cultures from around the globe.

**Diplomacy in Action Workshop:** This interactive workshop is designed for students to reflect on what they learned for the AWQ category, "The Peacebuilding Toolkit." Facilitated by United States Institute of Peace presenters, this workshop will engage students as active diplomats in a global community. Advisors will also have the opportunity in their own workshop to learn how to bring global peacebuilding into their classroom. *\*USIP was established by Congress in 1984 as an independent institution devoted to the nonviolent prevention and mitigation of deadly conflict abroad.*

**State of the World:** The Council's Founder and Great Falls Native, Ambassador Mark Johnson will host a discussion on current global events and how they relate to Montana.



# Academic WorldQuest 2018

## Registration Form

Conference Dates: March 5 & 6, 2018

AWQ Competition Date: March 6th

Early Registration Deadline: December 22<sup>nd</sup> (\$60/team)

FINAL Registration Deadline: February 9<sup>th</sup> (\$70/team)

**Space is limited—early registration recommended!**

*\* Simply pledge your team(s) by 12/22 to receive the early registration discount*

### REGISTRATION STEPS

1. Pledge a team(s) to [info@montanaworldaffairs.org](mailto:info@montanaworldaffairs.org)— please be sure this e-mail address is recognized by school e-mail servers.

2. Complete this registration form- **1 form per team, schools may bring up to 3 teams and up to 10 alternates.**

3. Have **each team member** complete the Photo Release Form – this allows competition photos to be used by the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation and the Montana World Affairs Council in AWQ materials.

4. **SEND** registration form(s), photo releases, and registration fee(s) to the Montana World Affairs Council or submit your forms via email to [info@montanaworldaffairs.org](mailto:info@montanaworldaffairs.org).

*Please include payment (check or cash) at the time of registration. Checks payable to: Montana World Affairs Council (MWAC)*

*Note: All forms and event info can be found on : [www.montanaworldaffairs.org](http://www.montanaworldaffairs.org) under the "Academic WorldQuest" tab*

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor/Coach Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

**Advisor(s) Contact Information:**

School Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

### AWQ Team Members / T-shirt size (please print clearly)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternates are optional and cannot sub in during competition. Please include an additional \$10 / alternate.**

**Each school can bring a maximum of 10 alternates. Use back side of form for additional alternate names and shirt sizes.**

Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address: Montana World Affairs Council 111 N. Higgins 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Rm. 405, Missoula, MT 59802**



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*Registration Form Pg. 2*

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## **Please respond to the following:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ We intend to participate in the full **two day** Global Connections Conference, including a discussion with Ambassador Mark Johnson, international student panel, Diplomacy in Action workshop, and global team challenge.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Our group plans on staying the night in Missoula. 1 night / 2 nights (circle one)  
(MWAC will negotiate a group rate and, if possible, room donations for AWQ teams planning to spend the night)

*To offset our costs including catering, participant t-shirts, and event materials, there will be a \$70 (non-refundable) participation fee for the competition (\$60 for early registration).*

*Schools may bring a maximum of 3 teams - space is limited and early registration is recommended.*

**The Council does not want cost to discourage participation. Please contact us to discuss fundraising and scholarship opportunities if funding is an issue.**

## **REGISTRATION CHECKLIST:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Completed Registration Form (**1 per team**)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Signed Photo Release Form (**1 per participant** including alternates)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Registration Fee (\$60/team before Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, \$70/team + \$10/alternate until Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>)  
*Checks should be made payable to "Montana World Affairs Council"*

Contact the Council with questions at (406) 728-3328 or

E-mail: [nlane@montanaworldaffairs.org](mailto:nlane@montanaworldaffairs.org) for more information.

**All forms and event information can be found on our website:**

**[www.montanaworldaffairs.org](http://www.montanaworldaffairs.org) under the "Academic WorldQuest" tab.**

# **PHOTO RELEASE**

I \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby release to Washington  
(name of the person in the photo)

Corporations, the Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation, Montana World Affairs Council, and the World Affairs Councils of America, its assignees, licensees, and legal representatives, the irrevocable right to use my picture, portrait, or photograph in all forms and media and in all manners, for any and all purposes including but not limited to display or placement on the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation website, and I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product, including writing copy, that may be created in connection there with. I am of legal age. I have read this release and am fully familiar with its contents.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(person in the photo, if 18 or older)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **CONSENT** (applicable for participants under the age of 18)

I am the parent and/or guardian of the person named above and has the legal authority to execute the above release. I approve the foregoing and waive any rights as articulated above.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_



## **2018 Academic WorldQuest Scholarship Application**

**The Montana World Affairs Council strives to bring international education opportunities to high school students across the state. With support from the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, the Council will award a limited number of scholarships to schools new to Montana's Academic WorldQuest competition in order to enhance our international education outreach efforts throughout the state of Montana.**

Academic WorldQuest Scholarships will be awarded based on the needs of the school from which the teams are representing. **Funds may be used to cover substitution teacher fees and travel costs and lodging.** Team registration fees are NOT covered by this scholarship. Please note: if you need assistance with lodging, the Council has access to discounted rates at several hotels. Additionally, free hotels may be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the Council for more details.

### Eligibility:

- Priority for schools who have not participated previously in AWQ
- Highest need schools
- Team registration materials must be received prior to or with the scholarship application.

### Application Steps:

1. Please fill out the form below and email to [info@montanaworldaffairs.org](mailto:info@montanaworldaffairs.org)
2. If you have not already done so, fill out the Academic WorldQuest 2018 Registration Form (one per team) and email to [info@montanaworldaffairs.org](mailto:info@montanaworldaffairs.org)

*If you have any questions or would like to discuss further fundraising opportunities, please call (406) 728-3328 or email us at [nlane@montanaworldaffairs.org](mailto:nlane@montanaworldaffairs.org)*

## **2018 Academic WorldQuest Competition Scholarship Form**

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor / Coach Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor(s) Contact Information:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Requested amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of teams registered \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of people coming on behalf of your school (including advisors, team members, and alternates) \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions:

1. Please explain how these funds will be used.

2. Please explain the need for the amount listed above.

*If you have any questions or would like to discuss further fundraising opportunities, please call (406) 728-3328 or email us at [nlane@montanaworldaffairs.org](mailto:nlane@montanaworldaffairs.org)*