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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 2019 Academic WorldQuest Competition. This program will be held at the University of Montana in Missoula on **Monday, March 4th, 2019 and Tuesday, March 5th, 2019.**

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 3rd largest AWQ in the nation for the past eight years. MWAC, with Helena's Mayor Wilmot Collins as the Master of Ceremonies, hopes to include even more teams from schools large and small for the 2019 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(s) from your school.

Early registration ends **December 21st**. Pledge a team(s) before this deadline to receive the early registration discount. The final registration deadline is **February 8th**. ***All Academic WorldQuest information and registration forms can be found on our website at www.montanaworldaffairs.org.***

If you are interested in participating in Academic WorldQuest, please add nlane@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,

Janet Rose
Executive Director

Nikki Lane
Program Coordinator

Bringing the World to Montana and Montana to the World

ACADEMIC WORLDQUEST 2019



2019 COMPETITION

Monday, March 4, 2019

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

University of Montana

University Center Ballroom

Early Registration: 12/21/2018

\$60 per team

Last day to register: 2/8/2019

\$70 per team

***Each participant will receive an AWQ t-shirt, dinner, and lunch**

***Schools may bring up to four teams and 10 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 2018, more than 200 students competed to represent Montana in Washington D.C.—AWQ Montana is the 3rd largest competition in the nation out of 45 local competitions!

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 27, 2019. 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.

2019 AWQ Competition Categories

Country in Focus: Qatar
How to Deal with North Korea
Global Refugee & Migration Crisis
#WeAreNato- The Alliance at 70
Great Decisions
Japan- U.S. Relations
Space Policy
World Trade Organization (WTO)
Bridging Divides to Build Peace
Current Events

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, March 4:

10:30 AM: Welcome Reception at Davidson Honors College/ Campus Tours
12:30 PM: Check-in on the 3rd floor of the University Center on UM Campus
1:00 PM: Ambassador's Welcome, Film Discussion with National Geographic
2:30 PM: Break
2:45 PM: International Trade Workshop with Montana World Trade Center
4:15 PM: Break
4:30 PM: Mansfield Center and Council in the Classroom presents "A Student to Student Global Conversation" with Inspired Classrooms - Japan
6:00 PM: Team Dinner and special performance by Ballet Beyond Borders sponsored by Davidson Honors College

Tuesday, March 5:

8:30 AM: Check-in on the 3rd floor of the University Center on the UM Campus
9:00 AM: Ambassador's Address
10:15 AM: Break
10:30 AM: International Speaker Panel
11:30 PM: Lunch
12:15 PM: Doors Open
12:30 PM: Academic WorldQuest Competition Rounds 1-5
1:15 PM: Break
2:00 PM: Academic WorldQuest Competition Rounds 6-10
2:15 PM: Dessert Break
2:35 PM: Awards Ceremony and Closing Remarks
3:00 PM: AWQ Ends



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.

International Speaker Panel: International speakers 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.

Student to Student Global Conversation: Students will have the opportunity to speak directly with students in Japan during this special Council in the Classroom program. This special program is offered by Mansfield Center and Inspired Classrooms.



Academic WorldQuest 2019

Registration Form

Conference Dates: March 4 & 5, 2019

AWQ Competition Date: March 5th

Early Registration Deadline: December 21st (\$60/team)

FINAL Registration Deadline: February 8th (\$70/team)

Space is limited—early registration recommended!

** Simply pledge your team(s) by 12/21 to receive the early registration discount*

REGISTRATION STEPS

1. Pledge a team(s) to nlane@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 4 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 nlane@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 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 4th 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
2. _____ We intend to participate in the Welcome Reception at Davidson Honors College on Monday, March 4th at 10:30 AM
3. _____ We intend to participate only in the AWQ Competition on Tuesday, March 5th at 12:30 PM
4. _____ Our group plans on staying the night in Missoula. 1 night / 2 nights (circle one)
(AWQ hotel room block is at Wingate Hotel/ \$60 a night including water park and breakfast/ 406-541-8000)

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 4 teams and 10 alternates - 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; maximum of 4 teams per school**)
- _____ 2. Signed Photo Release Form (**1 per participant** including alternates)
- _____ 3. Registration Fee (\$60/team before Dec. 21st, \$70/team + \$10/alternate until Feb. 8th)
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 for more information.

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

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: _____



2019 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 and traveling 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.

Eligibility:

- Priority for schools who have not participated previously in AWQ
- Highest need schools
- Farthest traveling 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 nlane@montanaworldaffairs.org
2. If you have not already done so, fill out the Academic WorldQuest 2019 Registration Form (one per team) and email to nlane@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

2019 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*