



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

HALBERT & NANCY ROBINSON
Center for Young Scholars

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Dear Supporter of Gifted Students:

We are sending you this letter to ask for your help in identifying Washington State's most academically advanced students in Grades 5-8. No doubt you have students who would benefit enormously from having their academic abilities recognized at a formal ceremony at the University of Washington and/or opportunities to participate in challenging summer or distance learning programs.

The Washington Search for Young Scholars (WSYS) was created by the UW's Robinson Center in 2004. To be recognized as young scholars:

- ✓ 5th and 6th grade students must have scored 440 or better in *reading* or 458 or better in *math* on the WASL taken in 4th grade, or have earned a qualifying score on a standardized grade-level test.
- ✓ Seventh and eighth grade students must take the SAT or ACT. Students who earned a Level 4 in reading or math on last year's (6th or 7th grade) WASL typically score high enough on the SAT or ACT to qualify for WSYS. Students must register either with SAT (www.sat.org) by October 30, 2007 for testing on December 1, 2007, or with ACT (www.actstudent.org) by November 2, 2007 for testing on December 8, 2007.
 - Have scores sent to WSYS. Our ACT and SAT test code is **9899**.

Complete details about eligible tests and score requirements as well as registration forms are listed on the Robinson Center's website: <http://depts.washington.edu/cscy>.

There is no fee to participate in WSYS. There ARE fees to take the SAT (\$43) or the ACT (\$30).

WSYS deadlines: Applications by January 25, 2008; Test Scores by February 1, 2008 (no scores accepted after this date).

Young scholars are invited to a formal recognition ceremony at UW and are awarded a special certificate. They are eligible to participate in summer programs at the Robinson Center, and to enroll in special distance learning courses through Northwestern and Duke Universities. Their names are sent to local news media and to their school districts so that their communities can celebrate their academic accomplishment.

We hope you will alert your students to this opportunity by encouraging them to participate in WSYS.

Best wishes,

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