

USA Today All Academic College Team

Award Type	Competition
Eligibility	U.S. citizenship NOT required
Class Eligibility	Undergraduate
Academic Area	All Fields
Deadline	December
Description	<p>USA TODAY's All-USA College Academic Team program honors 60 undergraduates as representatives of all outstanding students at the nation's colleges and universities. The criteria are designed to find students who excel not only in scholarship but also in leadership roles on and off campus. The element given the most weight by the judges is the nominee's description of an outstanding original academic or intellectual endeavor. The judges will rely solely on the student's ability to describe the effort in writing, supplemented by recommendations from the nominating professor and two other persons of the nominee's choice. Any full-time undergraduate of at least sophomore standing at a four-year institution in the United States or its territories is eligible. U.S. citizenship is not required. A full-time undergraduate is one carrying at least 12 credits in pursuit of an undergraduate degree or one who anticipates earning an undergraduate degree at the end of the current semester. Students in five-year programs who have not received a baccalaureate are eligible. Students who already have a baccalaureate and are pursuing another are not. Students graduating in December are eligible.</p>
Award	The 20 members of the First Team will have their photographs published and accomplishments noted in a two-page color spread in USA TODAY in February and receive a \$2,500 cash award. Forty more students will be named to the Second and Third Teams.
Nomination Requirement	Yes
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