

USA Today All-USA College Academic Team

USA TODAY's All-USA College Academic Team seeks to spotlight some of the best and brightest undergraduates found on the USA's campuses. Sixty students will be named to the First, Second and Third Teams and will be featured in a two-page color spread in the nation's newspaper. The 20 members of the First Team each will receive a \$2,500 cash award and will be our guests at a special awards luncheon.

The criteria are designed to find students who excel not only in scholarship but also in leadership roles on and off campus. A key element given most weight by the judges will be a student's outstanding original academic or intellectual product. The judges will be influenced by the student's ability to describe that outstanding endeavor in his/her own words. They will not read an author's work, see an artist's painting or hear a composer's music. They 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.

Eligibility:

A nominee must be a full-time undergraduate student at a four-year institution in the United States or its territories. U.S. citizenship is not required. A full-time undergraduate is one carrying at least 12 credits toward an undergraduate degree or one who anticipates earning an undergraduate degree at the end of the current academic term. Students in five-year programs who have not received a baccalaureate are eligible. Those who have received a baccalaureate and are pursuing another are not.

Former members of the All-USA High School Academic First Team and All-USA Two-Year College Academic First Team are eligible, but those who have been named to the All-USA College Academic First Team before are not eligible to be nominated again.

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