The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing honors young women who are active and interested in computing and technology, and encourages them to pursue their passions. This multi-tiered competition includes recognition at the national level (sponsored by Bank of America) and at the local level (sponsored by Microsoft), serving 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and all U.S. military bases overseas.

CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY
NCWIT recognizes aspirations as well as accomplishments! Any U.S. high school woman in grades 9 through 12 is eligible to apply, if she also meets both of the following criteria:

• She attends a high school in the U.S. or is a U.S. citizen attending a high school in Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or on a U.S. military base.
• She has a U.S. Tax Identification or Social Security Number

Aspirations Award recipients are chosen for their outstanding aptitude and interest in computing, proven leadership ability, academic performance, and plans for post-secondary education. For more information, please visit www.aspirations.org/faqs.

PRIZES
Each Affiliate award winner receives recognition at an award event, an engraved award for both her and her school, scholarship and internship opportunities, access to a peer network of technical young women in the NCWIT Aspirations in Computing Community (sponsored by Bloomberg), and various other prizes — computing resources, gadgets, sponsor swag, and more.

Additionally, each National Award winner receives $500 in cash, a laptop computer, a trip to attend the Bank of America Technology Showcase and Awards Ceremony in Charlotte, North Carolina on March 5, 2016, and networking opportunities with Bank of America employees.

Students can apply online at http://bit.ly/AiCHSAward beginning September 1, 2015 and no later than 8:00 p.m. EDT on October 26, 2015.

ABOUT NCWIT
The National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) is a non-profit community of more than 650 universities, companies, non-profits, and government organizations nationwide working to increase women’s meaningful participation in computing and technology. NCWIT equips change leaders with resources for taking action in recruiting, retaining, and advancing women from K–12 and higher education through industry and entrepreneurial careers. Find out more at www.ncwit.org.