The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing (AiC) honors high school 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 and local levels, serving all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and all U.S. overseas military bases.

The NCWIT Award for AiC is sponsored by Apple, Bank of America, Microsoft, Motorola Solutions Foundation, and Symantec.

CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY
Any U.S. high school woman in grades 9 through 12 is eligible to apply, if she also meets all 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.
- She has no immediate family relationship with employees, extended staff, contractors or board members of NCWIT (including spouses, siblings, children, grandchildren and persons residing in the same household).

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 may receive various other prizes — computing resources, gadgets, sponsor-branded swag, and more.

Each National Award winner receives various prizes, cash, and a trip to Bank of America headquarters on March 3-5, 2017 for a celebration and networking with Bank of America employees.

APPLICATION DETAILS
Students can apply online at http://bit.ly/AiCHSAward beginning September 1, 2016 and no later than 11:59 p.m. EST on November 7, 2016.

ABOUT NCWIT
The National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) is a non-profit community of more than 700 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.