

# COMMUNITY LINKS

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## **ATHLETICS & OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAMS**

### **YALE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH**

<http://www.yalebulldogs.com/community/programs.html>

“The Thomas W. Ford '42 Outreach is growing each year and has become recognized as a tremendous resource for bringing many New Haven children and their families to Yale's Campus. The program runs a number of clinics, activities, and provides a number of tickets to Yale sporting events for the youth of New Haven.”

### **YALE BULLDOGS KIDS' CLUB**

<http://www.yalebulldogs.com/kidsclub/yale-kidsclub.html>

“The Yale Athletics Kids' Club gives all kids 14 & under the opportunity to experience the fun and exciting world of Yale Athletics. The Kids' Club conducts many activities during the Yale Athletic year geared towards making college athletics fun and exciting for kids. Free Admission to most Yale Athletic events, birthday card from Handsome Dan, free Kids' Club T-shirt, Pizza Nights, Youth Days, and Sports Clinics are the fun and exciting benefits that Kids' Club members enjoy! The best part of the Kids' Club is that it's absolutely free thanks to the support of [Yale Athletics' Corporate Partners](#).”

### **NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE**

<http://www.nochildleftinside.org/>

“*No Child Left Inside*<sup>SM</sup> is a special initiative of Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell, coordinated by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection to encourage Connecticut families and visitors alike to enjoy all the recreational resources and outdoor activities available in Connecticut's state parks, forests and waterways. *No Child Left Inside*<sup>SM</sup> is a promise, and a pledge... to help Connecticut's children live active, healthier lives while they enjoy the natural treasures of our state parks and forests - and discover the rewards of becoming environmentally conscious citizens.”

### **FRIENDS OF HAMMONASSET**

<http://www.friendsofhammonasset.org/index.php?did=1>

“Friends of Hammonasset is a ‘not for profit’ volunteer organization, working in cooperation with State and local park management and the Friends of Connecticut State parks. The purpose of the organization is to provide environmental education, preserve the integrity of the park’s natural resources, and serve as an advocate for the park. Friends of Hammonasset does this through education, advocacy and promotion.”

### **FESTIVAL OF CULTURES**

<http://visitgreenmeadowsfarm.com/locations-1.html>

This outdoor program is designed for children to have a first-hand experience with wildlife and gain an understanding of the many cultures in our neighborhoods.

## **VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMS**

### **HARTFORD CHILDREN’S THEATRE**

<http://www.hartfordchildrenstheatre.org/>

“Hartford Children’s Theatre aims to enrich the lives of the children of Greater Hartford by providing access and exposure to high quality theatre for young audiences and related educational opportunities. The Education Department maintains an exciting array of year-round instructive programming...that will advance self-confidence as well as artistic development.”

### **KILLINGWORTH ARTS CENTER**

<http://www.artscenterkillingworth.org/index2.shtml>

“Founded in 2003, The Arts Center at Killingworth is a nonprofit organization focused on the development and presentation of the visual and performing arts on the Shoreline of Connecticut. The Center supports amateur and professional artists by organizing exhibits and concerts, staging theater events, and offering classes, camps and workshops for children and adults.”

### **BALLARD INSTITUTE AND MUSEUM of PUPPETRY**

<http://bimp.uconn.edu/home.html>

“The Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry opened in April 1996 on the Depot Campus of the University of Connecticut. The collection includes, along with the Ballard puppets, hundreds of puppets donated by puppeteers and organizations who wish to see the art of puppetry preserved, studied and expanded. See the artistic creations of puppeteers...” and try your hand at puppetry!

### **PRE-COLLEGE ART PROGRAM AT LYME ACADEMY COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS**

<http://www.lymeacademy.edu/academy-of-art-college-pre-college.htm>

“Lyme Academy College is pleased to provide the opportunity for young artists to develop their skills and portfolios in an art college studio environment. Students who are considering studying art for their college career, or are interested in learning more about the fine arts of painting, drawing and sculpture, are welcome to take part in our program.”

### **YALE ART GALLERY**

[http://artgallery.yale.edu/pages/info/renovations\\_upcoming.html](http://artgallery.yale.edu/pages/info/renovations_upcoming.html)

“Yale University Art Gallery presents a rich complement of public programs in conjunction with current exhibitions. All programs are free and open to the public, and take place at Yale University Art Gallery, 1111 Chapel Street (between York and High Streets), New Haven,CT.”

### **YALE CENTER FOR BRITISH ART**

<http://ycba.yale.edu/programs/programs-family.asp>

### **GUILFORD ARTS CENTER**

<http://www.guilfordartcenter.org/>

**BROOKFIELD CRAFT CENTER**

<http://www.brookfieldcraftcenter.org/index.html>

**CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP IN NEW HAVEN**

<http://www.creativeartsworkshop.org/>

**TABOR ARTS CENTER IN BRANFORD**

<http://taborarts.googlepages.com/afterschoolartsprogram>

## **MUSIC PROGRAMS**

**COLLECTION OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**

<http://www.yale.edu/musicalinstruments/events.htm>

“Visit this site frequently for announcements events such as special concerts, lectures, tours and other presentations of the Collection.”

**CSMTA PIANO and CONCERTO COMPETITIONS**

<http://www.csmta.org/studentactivities.php>

“The Connecticut State Music Teachers Association (CSMTA) was founded in 1959 by independent teachers dedicated to the advancement of music and the growth of young musicians. Today’s membership consists of more than 200 music teachers in independent studios, conservatories and music schools. CSMTA strives to bring together the common concerns of teacher, parent, student and the community in the many aspects and phases of applied music.”

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

### SCIENCE SATURDAYS AT YALE

<http://www.eng.yale.edu/sciencesat/>

“Science Saturdays is a special lecture series designed for families that brings the excitement of research and the passion of scientists to school-age children in New Haven. The lectures are free and open to the public, and the topics explored are appropriate for kids in 7th grade and above.”

### SPECTACULAR SATURDAYS

[www.tmsc.org](http://www.tmsc.org)

Talcott Mountain Science Center and Academy in Avon, CT offers “hands-on exploration & research for high ability, high-interest science students” by offering programs related to Flight, Robotics, Green Energy, Magic & Science, Weather, Animation, Computers, the Stars & more!

### ELI WHITNEY MUSEUM and WORKSHOPS

<http://www.eliwhitney.org/>

“The Eli Whitney Museum and Workshop is an experimental learning workshop for students, teachers, and families. We collect, interpret, and teach experiments that are the roots of design and invention.”

### IMMERSION PRESENTS

<http://www.immersionpresents.org/>

“*Immersion* is a fun and powerful science education program for kids in grades 4-8. Famed oceanographer and explorer Dr. Robert Ballard founded *Immersion Presents* in 2002, and since then he’s brought hundreds of thousands of kids and their families along with him on amazing scientific expeditions throughout the world. The *Immersion Theater* at Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration uses live feeds and interactive technology to bring visitors live programs from Dr. Robert Ballard's worldwide expeditions, and the chance to visit our National Marine Sanctuaries without getting your feet wet, all using the newest robotics and communications technology!”

For other Mystic Aquarium related programs visit

<http://www.mysticaquarium.org/DefaultPermissions/FUNLEARNING/tabid/179/Default.aspx>

For Mystic Seaport related programs visit [http://www.mysticseaport.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.viewPage&page\\_id=737EB15D-FA74-BE49-3380A7B027F42626](http://www.mysticseaport.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.viewPage&page_id=737EB15D-FA74-BE49-3380A7B027F42626)

### BEARDSLEY ZOO PROGRAMMING

<http://www.beardsleyzoo.org/teachers-parents/>

“Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo presents an exceptional opportunity to introduce your children to the wonders of nature. If you are a parent, the Zoo is the place to really enjoy some quiet moments with your family and make some meaningful memories. And if you are a homeschool family, the Zoo is a wonderful place to teach children about

natural history and conservation. How you appreciate wildlife and wild places will inspire your children to do the same.”

### **ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF NEW HAVEN**

<http://www.asnh.org/>

“The Astronomical Society of New Haven, Inc. is a non-profit, scientific and educational organization which fosters new and continuing interest in amateur astronomy. The general membership meetings are open to the public.”

### **YALE SCIENCE FOR THE COMMUNITY**

[http://www.yale.edu/onhsa/science/science\\_k-12.html](http://www.yale.edu/onhsa/science/science_k-12.html)

“Yale University has a special commitment to education and New Haven's youth. The University makes its world-class laboratories, courses and talented faculty, students and staff available to encourage young scientists and engineers. Many of our programs are exploratory and inquiry-based, making them particularly engaging for students. We welcome new participants in our educational programs and encourage you to look at our featured events page for upcoming activities. Gaining research experience in a Yale University laboratory, examining specimens at the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History and watching a planetarium demonstration are just some of the science experiences your students can have through our programs.”

### **WIND OVER WINGS**

<http://www.windoverwings.com/>

“Located in Clinton, CT, Wind Over Wings, Inc. is a nonprofit, wildlife rehabilitation and education center [which aims] to provide a personal connection with wildlife that will lead to responsible stewardship of the environment. We specialize in the rehabilitation of raptors, particularly eagles. We provide approximately 330 environmental education programs annually.”

### **ANNUAL TECH EXPO**

<http://www.ceca-ct.org/page.php?pid=28>

“This exciting exposition is a time to demonstrate to state legislators how students in Connecticut schools use technology to support learning. It validates how the incorporation of technology in conjunction with excellent teaching supports the skills on the CMT and the CAPT. The event will showcase 30 schools from across the state sharing how technology can affect learning.”

# COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

## USA SERVICE

<http://www.usaservice.org/content/home/>

“President-elect Obama is calling on all Americans to do more than just offer a single day of service to their cities, towns and neighborhoods. He is asking all of us to make an ongoing commitment to our communities. Never has it been more important to come together in shared purpose to tackle the common challenges we face. This website is designed to help promote these events and for Americans to make their commitments, build communities, find opportunities to serve and share their results. These can be events that engage people in direct service, or bring people together to reflect on Dr. King's legacy and how they can commit to becoming more engaged citizens.”

## INSPIRING KIDS

<http://www.justgive.org/be-inspired/inspiring-kids/index.jsp>

“Children are creative problem solvers. And many kids are agents of change. They overcome obstacles, jump over barriers, and make a difference.” Justgive.org offers a long list of ways for kids to get involved.

## O AMBASSADORS

<http://oambassadors.org/global>

“O Ambassadors™ is an exciting new joint project of Oprah’s Angel Network and Free The Children that will inspire young people to become active, compassionate and knowledgeable global citizens. The program connects young people in North America with people around the world to create lasting change by working toward the [UN Millennium Development Goals](#). Participants address problems such as hunger, poverty and limited access to education.”

## **OTHER LOCAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS**

<http://www.peabody.yale.edu/events/index.html>

“The Yale Peabody Museum offers a diverse range of education programs for children and adults. [Education resources and curricula](#) for select programs are also available”.

### **CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL SOCIETY - MUSEUM AND LIBRARY**

<http://www.chs.org/>

“The Connecticut Historical Society is a non-profit museum, library, and education center. Our **mission** is to inspire and foster a life-long interest in history through exhibitions, programs and Connecticut-related collections because examining and understanding the past, and connecting the past with the present, provides a guide for the future.”

### **MINDS IN MOTION**

<http://www.ctgifted.org/events.htm>

“CAG Minds in Motion events feature hands-on, fast-paced, high-interest workshops for gifted and high ability children in grades K-8. Keynote Addresses and Workshops for adults are offered free of charge to parents and educators.”

### **CONNECTICUT CHILDREN’S BOOK FAIR**

<http://bookfair.uconn.edu/>

“The Connecticut Children's Book Fair brings together prominent children's authors and illustrators and the general public in an annual event designed to foster the enjoyment of children's literature. The Connecticut Book Fair is available to the public without an entrance fee. Children, parents, grandparents, book collectors, and interested members of the public are welcome to attend.”

### **LYMAN ORCHARD SPECIAL EVENTS**

<http://lymanorchards.com/events/>

“Special events at the Apple Barrel and our Golf Club draw visitors from near and far. With festivals to celebrate the seasons, golfing events for juniors, holiday events for the family, cooking demonstrations and workshops for children, there's always something going on at Lyman's!”

### **NORTH BRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUMMER CAMP**

[http://www.northbranfordschools.org/new\\_pages/Summer%20Camp.shtml](http://www.northbranfordschools.org/new_pages/Summer%20Camp.shtml)

“The Summer of 2009 offers new opportunities and traditional summer favorites for your child. It is our goal to continue to provide safe, fun, educational and cost effective programming. This summer we feature many new camping opportunities. Our summer theme comes from our new magic camp entitled Do You Believe In Magic? This camp is being taught by an amazing, young, professional magician who started her career in second grade.”

## LOCAL LIBRARIES

<http://www.leaplibraries.org/nbranford/>

Visit your local libraries for even more opportunities!

## SUMMER CAMPS & PROGRAMS

### THE GREAT BOOKS SUMMER PROGRAM

[www.greatbookssummer.com](http://www.greatbookssummer.com)

“The Great Books Summer Program is an experience like no other in American education. For the past six years, the Great Books Summer Program has gathered exceptional middle and high school students from across the nation to read selections from the [greatest works of literature](#), experience college-level discussions and seminars and enjoy summer fun with other literary-minded students.”

### CAMP EMERSON

[www.campemerson.com](http://www.campemerson.com)

“Camp Emerson is a coed, residential camp in Massachusetts geared toward gifted and talented kids. Campers design their schedules from over 50 traditional and unique summer camp activities including: pottery, theater productions, tennis, MythBusters, archery, waterskiing, fashion design, rock band, cooking, basketball, game lab, adventure, rocketry, and [much much more](#).”

### iD TECH CAMPS

[www.internaldrive.com](http://www.internaldrive.com)

“iD Tech Camps is America’s #1 summer computer camp for kids and teens aged 7 – 17. [We are] [a](#) family company offering [immersive courses](#) in 3D video game design, web design, Flash®, programming, robotics, digital video editing and [more](#).”

### SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR THE GIFTED

[www.giftedstudy.com](http://www.giftedstudy.com)

“The mission of the Summer Institute for the Gifted is to provide the highest quality educational and social opportunities for academically gifted and talented students through programs designed to meet their abilities and needs. The Summer Institute for the Gifted (SIG) began in 1984 with a single session in New Jersey and has expanded over the past twenty-four summers to include ten residential sessions in seven states and numerous day programs. In 2008, we served close to 2000 academically gifted students in Kindergarten through 11th grade. SIG provides academically advanced students with an interesting and challenging educational experience. The program combines remarkable academic courses with cultural, social, and recreational opportunities.”

### YOUNG PEOPLE’S INSTITUTE

<http://www.ypi.org/>

“Housed at Suffield Academy located in a beautiful region of forests and farmland sprinkled along the Connecticut River, YPI is a co-educational, residential summer camp for the arts. YPI workshops include one to two week workshops for young people grades 6-12 who have an interest or ability in writing or the visual and performing arts.”

### NASA SPACE CAMP FOR KIDS

<http://www.spacecamp.com/>

“Explore a variety of experiences for multi-age campers who want to be astronauts. Experience life onboard the orbiter and International Space Station during your shuttle mission.”

### **UCONN MENTOR CONNECTION**

<http://www.gifted.uconn.edu/mentor/>

“UConn Mentor Connection is a summer program for rising high school juniors and seniors, held on the campus of the University of Connecticut at Storrs. We believe students' interests, abilities, and motivation are very important talents. We also believe that it is essential for students to have opportunities to manifest their talents in high levels of creative productivity.”

### **EXPLORATION SUMMER PROGRAMS**

<http://www.explo.org/>

“On the campuses of Yale University, Wellesley College and St. Mark’s, a summer at Exploration is like nothing else you've ever done. In fact, that's the very idea. When you explore, you chart new territory, you travel into the unfamiliar, you try something new . . . and you learn. For each Explo student, their 'something new' is something different. For some, it's starting their first business or cooking their first meal or acting in their first play. For others, it's constructing their first go-cart or designing their first website or arguing their first court case. And for others still, a summer at Exploration is a summer of other firsts: the first time away from home; the first time they've made a friend from another country; the first time they've done their laundry; the first time they've seen a Broadway show. At Exploration, exploration is supported, nurtured, and taught – just like any other truly valuable skill. We light fires in our students and cultivate their curiosity so that they keep exploring, keep trying new things, keep wanting to learn more. Exploration is more than a summer program; it’s what students take with them when they leave.”

### **COLONIAL LIFE and LIFE AT SEA CAMPS**

<http://ctrivermuseum.org/content/education.aspx?sid=1>

Summer Camps and Workshops include activities such as river-related art projects, architectural explorations, archaeology digs, shipbuilding, navigation, historic games and more!

## **ONLINE LEARNING (& other opportunities)**

### **CENTER FOR TALENTED YOUTH**

<http://cty.jhu.edu/ctyonline/index.html>

“Since 1979, the Center for Talented Youth (CTY) at Johns Hopkins University has focused on the needs of students with exceptionally high academic abilities. The CTY community includes very bright students from all over the world whose talents place them well ahead of their agetates. These students need special attention: greater academic challenges, interaction with intellectual peers, and teaching strategies designed especially for the gifted. CTY offers gifted students a wide range of programs and services to nurture their intellectual abilities, enhance personal development, and foster better understanding of the needs of talented youth.”

“Thanks to advances in technology, especially the Internet, *CTYOnline* can offer qualified gifted students a wide variety of academically challenging courses anytime, anywhere, through online distance education. CTY began offering distance courses in 1983 with assistance from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The program, now known as *CTYOnline*, has grown to almost 10,000 enrollments yearly, with students throughout the United States and more than 60 countries.” For other JHU CTY campus-based programs visit <http://cty.jhu.edu/>

### **EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GIFTED YOUTH**

<http://epgy.stanford.edu/>

“The Education Program for Gifted Youth (EPGY) at Stanford University is a continuing project dedicated to developing and offering multimedia computer-based distance-learning courses. Combining technical and instructional expertise, EPGY provides high-ability students of all ages with an individualized educational experience, optimized in both pace and content. Through EPGY, students have access to courses in a variety of subjects at levels ranging from kindergarten through advanced-undergraduate.”

### **CENTER FOR DISTANCE AND INDEPENENT STUDY – GIFTED COURSES**

<http://cdis.missouri.edu/gifted-courses.aspx>

“Our gifted courses permit academically talented students to work online, at their own pace, on a challenging array of subjects, including mathematics, science, language arts, foreign languages, and social studies. Students can take charge of their learning with self-paced lessons, pre-tests, and other activities that allow them to choose topics to study in more depth. Courses include both faculty- and computer-evaluated lessons.”

### **OPEN YALE COURSES**

<http://oyc.yale.edu/>

“Open Yale Courses provides free and open access to a selection of introductory courses taught by distinguished teachers and scholars at Yale University. The aim of the project is to expand access to educational materials for all who wish to learn. We hope the lectures and other course materials on this site will be a resource for critical thinking, creative imagination, and intellectual exploration. All lectures were recorded in the Yale College classroom and are available in video, audio, and text transcript format. Registration is not required and no course credit is available.”

## **(INTER)NATIONAL / REGIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS**

### **DESTINATION IMAGINATION**

<http://www.idodi.org/> CT Branch <http://ct-di.org/>

“DI is a community-based, non-profit, volunteer-driven educational organization that teaches young people from kindergarten through university-level the critical and creative thinking skills needed for success in the 21st Century. DI works with more than 250,000 children and young adults in all 50 states and more than 40 countries each season. DI teaches the processes of Creative Problem Solving and teamwork. As a complement to traditional education, DI offers participants of all ages a real-world experience in creativity, teamwork and problem solving. From the elementary science buff to the university band leader (and all those in between), everyone can benefit from participation in the DI program.”

### **FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS**

<http://www.fpspofct.org/>

“Our program brings essential problem solving skills to students in 4th to 12th grade. We offer a variety of options to prepare students for the future including team problem solving, community problem solving and scenario writing.”

### **MATH OLYMPIADS**

<http://www.moems.org/>

“[School] Club members explore a topic or strategy in depth, using Creative Problem Solving in School Mathematics (or other sources), or they practice for the contests, using non-routine problems from both Math Olympiad Contest Problems Volume 2 or Mathematical Olympiads Contest Problems for Elementary and Middle Schools (or other sources). The highlights for students are the five monthly contests, given from November to March. No traveling is required. These contests provide an incentive for students to intensify their study of math.”

### **ODYSSEY OF THE MIND**

<http://www.odysseyofthemind.com/> CT BRANCH <http://www.ctom.org/>

“OM is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and World level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program.”

### **NATIONAL STUDENT/PARENT MOCK ELECTION**

<http://nationalmockelection.org/>

“The National Student/Parent Mock Election seeks to turn the sense of powerlessness that keeps young Americans and their parents from going to the polls into a sense of the power of participation in our democracy. One of the most important ways to increase students' sense of significance – and power – is to use the Mock Election to take them out of the classroom and into the real world.”

### **EXPLORAVISION**

<http://www.exploravision.org/>

“Now in its 17th year, ExploraVision encourages K-12 students of all interest, skill and ability levels to create and explore a vision of future technology by combining their imaginations with the tools of science. All inventions and innovations result from creative thinking and problem solving. That's what ExploraVision is all about.”

## **THINKQUEST**

<http://www.thinkquest.org/en/>

“The [Oracle Education Foundation](#) offers K-12 schools a safe environment at no cost. ThinkQuest is password protected, teacher monitored, and includes no advertising. Participants develop 21st century skills such as critical thinking, teamwork, communications, creativity, technology, self direction, and cross cultural understanding while teachers and students create learning projects, participate in a website competition, and browse a library of student projects.”

# **INDIVIDUAL CONTESTS & COMPETITIONS**

## **ART CONTESTS**

### **LAW DAY POSTER CONTEST**

<http://www.ct.gov/dcp/cwp/view.asp?a=1629&q=331934>

### **STATISTICAL POSTER COMPETITION**

[www.amstat.org](http://www.amstat.org).

### **SCRAP ART SCULPTURE CONTEST**

<http://mysticaquarium.org/FUNLEARNING/SpringSummerProgramsforChildrenandFamilies/ProgramsforFamilies/tabid/486/Default.aspx>

“This April, the Aquarium is holding its first-ever scrap art sculpture contest, featuring marine-themed art created from recycled materials by community members. Aquarium guests will select the winner throughout the Earth Day Celebrations on April 18 and 19, with the announcement of the winning sculpture on April 19 at 5 p.m. The winner will receive a trophy and behind-the-scenes tour of the Aquarium.”

### **VISUAL ARTS CONTEST**

<http://www.vsarts.org/prebuilt/showcase/gallery/exhibits/calls/AllKidsCan/index.html>

### **LOGO DESIGN CONTEST**

<http://freshbrain.org/activity/amazing-logo-design-contest-and-internship>

### **CT CITIZENSHIP POSTER CONTEST –GRADE 4**

[http://www.ct.gov/sots/cwp/view.asp?a=3178&q=392138&SOTSNav\\_GID=1842](http://www.ct.gov/sots/cwp/view.asp?a=3178&q=392138&SOTSNav_GID=1842)

### **CREATIVE EXPRESSION CONTEST**

<http://www.nonamecallingweek.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/news/record/57.html>

### **JURIED ART SHOW-HIGH SCHOOL**

<http://www.shorelinearts.org/futurechoices.cfm>

## **READING/WRITING CONTESTS**

### **LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE (Reading & Writing Contest)**

<http://www.loc.gov/loc/cfbook/>

### **NATIONAL WRITING CONTESTS**

[http://www.youngvoicesfoundation.org/index.html?gclid=CJ\\_Tmubru5kCFQrFGgod-IXB5g](http://www.youngvoicesfoundation.org/index.html?gclid=CJ_Tmubru5kCFQrFGgod-IXB5g)

### **CT STUDENT WRITING CONTEST**

<http://www.cwp.uconn.edu/csw.html>

### **ESSAY CONTEST TO HONOR VETERANS**

[www.ctveteransdayparade.org](http://www.ctveteransdayparade.org)

### **INAUGURAL WOMEN IN SPORTS ESSAY CONTEST**

[http://www.wnba.com/sun/Connecticut\\_Sun\\_Announces\\_Inau-299489-372.html](http://www.wnba.com/sun/Connecticut_Sun_Announces_Inau-299489-372.html)

### **HISTORY DAY in CT COMPETITION**

[http://www.chs.org/hist\\_day/default.htm](http://www.chs.org/hist_day/default.htm)

### **CT CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST-GRADE 5**

<http://www.ct.gov/sots/cwp/view.asp?a=3178&q=392142>

### **OLD SAYBROOK POETRY CONTEST**

[http://www.oldsaybrookct.org/Pages/OldSaybrookCT\\_LibraryNews/I00CF364F](http://www.oldsaybrookct.org/Pages/OldSaybrookCT_LibraryNews/I00CF364F)

### **FREEDOM MUSEUM NATIONAL STUDENT CONTEST**

<http://www.documentary.org/content/freedom-museum-national-student-contest-call-entries>

“The McCormick Freedom Museum in Chicago, the first museum dedicated to freedom and the First Amendment, is currently accepting entries for the 2009 Seen and Heard: National Student Expression Contest & Exhibit. Express your views on contemporary political or social issues through film, editorial cartoons, Web design or photojournalism for a chance to win a \$1,000 grand prize.”

## **NATIONAL PEACE ESSAY CONTEST**

<http://www.usip.org/ed/npec/>

“Our country depends on knowledgeable and thoughtful students like you—the next generation of leaders—to build peace with freedom and justice among nations and peoples. In the belief that questions about peace, justice, freedom, and security are vital to civic education, we established the National Peace Essay Contest to expand educational opportunities for America's youth”.

## **IGNITING CREATIVE ENERGY – NATIONAL STUDENT CHALLENGE**

<http://www.ignitingcreativeenergy.org/>

## **NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL POETRY CONTEST**

<http://www.highschoolpoetrycontest.com/>

## **AMERICAN FOREIGN SERVICE ASSOCIATION National High School Essay Contest**

<http://www.afsa.org/essaycontest/>

## **ALLIANCE FOR SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST**

<http://www.allianceforscience.org/essay>

## **SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST**

<http://www.spj.org/a-hs.asp>

## **HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE PROJECT ESSAY TOPIC & WRITING PROMPT**

<http://holocaust.hklaw.com/>

## **THE WORD NERD HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST**

<http://pathaspire.com/list/22/>

**AMERICAN SHORT FICTION SUBMISSIONS** [http://www.americanshortfiction.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=7](http://www.americanshortfiction.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7)

## UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION USA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

<http://unausanationalhighschoolessaycontest.com/>

## JFK PROFILE IN COURAGE ESSAY CONTEST ESSAY CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

<http://www.jfklibrary.org/Education+and+Public+Programs/Profile+in+Courage+Award/Essay+Contest+for+High+School+Students/>

“The annual *John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest* invites high school students from across the nation to write an original essay about an elected official who has demonstrated political courage. The contest is a companion program of the [Profile in Courage Award](#), named for President Kennedy’s 1957 Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Profiles in Courage*, which recounts the stories of eight senators, the obstacles they faced, and the special valor they demonstrated despite the risks. Winning essayists will receive awards totaling up to \$8,500. The first-place winner will be invited to accept the award at the Profile in Courage Award Ceremony hosted each May by Caroline Kennedy and Senator Edward M. Kennedy at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston. To encourage student leadership and civic engagement, the nominating teacher of the first-place winner will receive a John F. Kennedy Public Service Grant for \$500.”

## CHET DREAM BIG! COMPETITION

<http://www.chetdreambig.com>

The CHET Dream Big! Competition, sponsored by the State of Connecticut Treasurer’s Office, TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing, Inc. and CHET, is a drawing and essay contest that invites Connecticut K-5 students to enter and express themselves creatively—with a chance to win money for college!

## OTHER CONNECTICUT CITIZENSHIP CONTESTS and COMPETITIONS

[http://www.cclce.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=114&Itemid=98](http://www.cclce.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=114&Itemid=98)

## **MATH CONTESTS**

### **CRAZY 4 MATH CONTEST**

<http://www.googolpower.com/content/crazy-4-math>

## **VIDEO/FILM CONTESTS**

### **DMV TEEN DRIVING VIDEO CONTEST**

<http://www.ct.gov/teendriving/cwp/view.asp?Q=425144&A=3617>

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGE CONTESTS**

### **LE GRAND CONCOURS**

<http://www.frenchteachers.org/concours/index.htm>

“An annual competition sponsored by the [American Association of Teachers of French](#). Students of French in grades 1-12, in all 50 states and abroad, compete against each other for prizes. Grades 1-6 participate in the [FLES Contest](#). Grades 7-12 in the [Secondary Contest](#). Students take a written test and compete against students with similar educational background for [prizes](#) including certificates, medals, books, dvds, trips, and scholarships.”

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### *Gifted Education Press Quarterly*

Teacher and parent resource offering a variety of books and videos for high-end learners  
[www.creativelearningpress.com](http://www.creativelearningpress.com)

*Great Potential Press* (formerly Gifted Psychology Press) [www.giftedbooks.com](http://www.giftedbooks.com)

## **ORGANIZATIONS**

NAGC - National Association for Gifted Children [www.nagc.org](http://www.nagc.org)

CAG- Connecticut Association for the Gifted <http://www.ctgifted.org/>

NEAG-Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development  
<http://www.gifted.uconn.edu/parents/parentrp.html>

CT State Department of Education Gifted and Talented Resources Page  
<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2618&q=320852>

## **ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION**

New Haven Magnet Schools: <http://www.newhavenmagnetschools.com/>