

ACADEMIC CHALLENGES
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1	Competition Name	Type	Grade Levels	Prizes/Awards	Special Mention	Sponsored By	Website	Cost	Team/Ind.	Content	Multiple Intelligences
2	\$1,000,000 Challenge, A Seven month Stock Market Simulation	National	4th-12th	\$50.-\$1000. Amazon Gift Certificates, T-Shirts,	Must be enrolled in Arizona Stock Market Simulation	Arizona Council On Economic Education	www.arizonasms.com	\$28.00 per team	Team	Economics	Logical-mathematical & Interpersonal
3	Canon Envirothon	National	9th-12th	Scholarships \$1,000-\$5,000 and Canon Products	2008 National Competition to be held in Arizona	Canon and various Environmental Organizations	www.azenvirothon.org	none	Team	Art, Science	Naturalist & Interpersonal
4	Destination Imagination	Inter-national	Kinder-12th	No awards noted on website, must register for more info.	Online registration, awards not mentioned	Destination Imagination	http://www.idodi.org/	\$110 +	Team	Physics, Drama, Art	Interpersonal, Spatial, Musical, Logical-mathematical
5	Discovery Young Scientist Challenge	National	5th-8th	Scholarships, TV appearance, gift certificates, etc.	Students earn nomination at a Inter. Science and Eng. Fair	Discovery Channel	http://school.discovery.com/sciencefaircentral/	none	Ind./Team	Science	Logical-mathematical & Intrapersonal & Interpersonal
6	ExploraVision	Inter-national	Kinder-12th	Savings Bonds \$5,000-\$10,000 & other prizes	Laptops, \$5,000-\$10,000 Savings Bonds	Toshiba & NSTA	www.exploravision.org	none	Team	Science	Logical-mathematical & Interpersonal & Intrapersonal
7	Foundations for Life Essay Contest	National	3rd-12th	Savings bonds \$200-\$1,000 at National Level	Essay written on selected maxims	National Character COUNTS!	www.fll-essays.org_or http://www.ade.az.gov/charactered/	none	Ind.	Language Arts	Linguistic & Intrapersonal
8	Future City Competition	National	7th-8th	Various prizes including attending U.S Space Camp	Uses SimCity 3000 Software	National Engineers Week	www.futurecity.org/ www.futurecity-phoenix.org/	\$25.00 Registration Fee	Team	Economics	Logical-mathematical & Interpersonal & Intrapersonal
9	Future Problem Solving	Inter-national	4th-12th	Medals, Scholarship opps. For Seniors	Kinder -3rd can perform in non-competitive events	Future Problem Solving Program, International	www.fpsp.org	\$65-\$90 varies by problem	Ind./Team	Science, Economics,	Logical-mathematical & Interpersonal & Intrapersonal
10	Intel International Science and Engineering Fair	Inter-national	Kinder-12th	Scholarships, tuition grants, internships, and more	Students must win local competitions to attend International	Intel Technology	www.sciserv.org/isef/	none	Ind./Team	Science	Logical-mathematical & Interpersonal & Intrapersonal
11	Intel Science Talent Search	National	12th	Scholarship \$100,000 and other prizes	Students urged to begin a project in freshman year of H.S.	Intel (formerly the Westinghouse Talent Search)	www.sciserv.org/sts/	none	Ind.	Science	Logical-mathematical & Interpersonal & Intrapersonal
12	Internet Science and Technology Fair	National	3rd-12th	Winners entries posted online	Entries submitted online	University of Central Florida and Rand Corp.	http://istf.ucf.edu	none	Team	Science	Logical-mathematical & Interpersonal
13	Join the Major Leagues @ your library	National	Kinder-Adult	Travel to a World Series Game, various other travel and books awarded.	Entrants download a playbook, complete it, go to public library for scoring	American Library Association	http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/campaign/sponsorship/stepuptotheplateyourlibrary/stepup.htm	none	Ind.	Language Arts	Linguistic & Interpersonal
14	MathCounts	National	6th-8th	Computers, Space Camp, Scholarships \$2000-\$8000.		LockHeed Martin	www.mathcounts.org	\$80/team \$20/Ind	Ind./Team	Mathematics	Logical-mathematical & Interpersonal & Intrapersonal
15	MLB Pitch, Hit and Run Competition	National	7 to 14 Yrs. Old	Local Competition leads to Regional, which leads to National at the MLB Allstar Game	Contact schools to see if a school competition is held prior to local	Major League Baseball and Pepsi Co.	www.lejsports.com	none	Ind.	Physical Ed.	Body-Kinesthetic & Intrapersonal

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16	Modern Marvels Invent Now Challenge	National	Kinder-Adult	\$25,000 Grant towards making invention a reality	Entrants under 18 years old must have parent or guardian sign	History Channel and Invent Now, Inc.	www.inventnow.org	none	Ind.	Science	Logical-mathematical & Intrapersonal
17	National Geographic Bee	National	4th-8th	Scholarships \$10,000-\$25,000	School Bee, State Bee, National Bee	National Geographic Society	www.nationalgeographic.com	none	Ind.	Geography	Spatial & Naturalist & Intrapersonal
18	NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition	National	8 to 15 Yrs. Old	Local Competition leads to Regional, which leads to National at a NFL Playoff Game	Contact schools to see if a school competition is held prior to local	National Football League and Pepsi Co.	www.nflyouthfootball.com	none	Ind.	Physical Ed.	Bodily-Kinesthetic & Intrapersonal
19	Odyssey of the Mind	Inter-national	Kinder-College	Certificates, Medals, Scholarship Opportunity	Regional Competition, State Competition, World Competition	Creative Opportunities Unlimited, NASA, Microsoft.	www.odysseyofthemind.com	State & World Entry Fees	Team	Physics, Drama, Art, Music	Logical-mathematical & Musical & Bodily-Kinesthetic & Interpersonal
20	Promising Young Writer's Program	National	8th	Certificates and online recognition	Number of submitted essays determined by average daily enrollment of class.	National Council of English Teachers	www.ncte.org	unknown	Ind.	Language Arts	Linguistic & Intrapersonal
21	Rube Goldberg Machine Contest	National	9th-12th	Unknown	2007 Competition is to juice an orange +	Phi Chapter of Theta Tau, Purdue University	www.rube-goldberg.com	unknown	Team	Science	Logical-mathematical & Interpersonal
22	Scholastic Chess	Inter-national	Kinder-12th	Scholarships, other prizes	Club Sponsors do not need to know how to play chess	US Chess Federation	www.uschess.org	\$40.00 per year	Ind./Team	Mathematics	Logical-mathematical & Intrapersonal
23	Science Olympiad	National	9th-12th	Medals, Trophies	State Competition and National Competition	Salt River Project and many others	www.gc.maricopa.edu/biology/so www.soinc.org	unknown	Team	Science	Logical-mathematical & Interpersonal
24	Scripps National Spelling Bee	National	4th-8th	\$, Scholarships, travel costs, other prizes	School Bee, District Bee, Regional Bee, AZ Bee, National Bee	Local Newspapers or other prominent leader	www.spellingbee.com , www.azedfoundation.org	none	Ind.	Language Arts	Linguistic & Intrapersonal
25	Speed Stacks Challenge	Inter-national	Kinder-Adult	Ribbons and Medals	194 schools in Arizona are listed as participants on website	World Sport Stacking Association	www.speedstacks.com & www.worldstackingassociation.org	varies by amount purchased	Ind./Team	Physical Ed.	Bodily-Kinesthetic & Intrapersonal & Interpersonal
26	TarWars Poster Contest	National	4th-5th	Savings Bonds, Poster displayed online	Students must have presentation by TarWars educators.	American Academy of Family Physicians	www.tarwars.org	none	Ind.	Art, Language Arts	Spatial & Linguistic
27	The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards	National	7th-12th	Scholarships and other Awards	Numerous contests for many subjects	Scholastic and many others	www.scholastic.com/artandwriting/index.htm	none	Ind.	Art, Photography	Linguistic, Spatial, Intrapersonal
28	ThinkQuest International 2006	Inter-national	4th-12th	Website available, technology awards, travel	Students build websites.	The Oracle Education Foundation	www.thinkquest.org	none	Team	Economics, Science	Logical-mathematical & Naturalist & Interpersonal
29	University of Arizona Correspondence Courses	Inter-national	2nd-12th	Credit for some courses	Courses are online.	University of Arizona Office of Continuing Education	http://www.ceao.arizona.edu/corresp/hs.html	Tuition varies by course	Ind.	Most Content Areas	All except Interpersonal & Bodily-kinesthetic
30	USA Math Olympiad	Inter-national	6th-12th	Certificates; Gold, Silver, Bronze Awards	Winners compete at International Math Olympiad	Mathematical Association of America	www.unl.edu/amc	none/\$40.00	Ind.	Mathematics	Logical-mathematical & Intrapersonal
31	WordMasters Challenge	National	3rd-12th	Medals and Certificates	classroom meets/Teacher does scoring	Word Masters	www.wordmasterschallenge.com	See website for fees	Ind.	Language Arts	Linguistic & Intrapersonal
32	Youth Advocate of the Year Award	Inter-national	?-College	Scholarships \$2,500-\$5,000 and Grants \$500-\$2000	See website	Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids	www.tobaccofreekids.org	none	Ind./Team	Language Arts, Service	Interpersonal, Linguistic
33	Zaner-Bloser Handwriting Contest	National	1st-8th	Savings Bonds \$500, computers, travel	School must teach Zaner-Bloser Method	Zaner-Bloser Educational Publishers	www.zaner-bloser.com	none	Ind.	Handwriting	Bodily-kinesthetic & Intrapersonal

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