



Academic WorldQuest 2012

Bringing the World to Montana and Montana to the World

2012 Competition

Tuesday, February 28th, 2012
University of Montana
University Center Ballroom

Early Registration:
December 15th, \$40/team
Last Day to Register:
January 20th, \$48/team

***Each participant will receive an AWQ t-shirt and sponsored dinner**

***Schools may bring up to three teams. Space is limited, so early registration is advised!**

***The Council does not want cost to discourage participation. Please contact us to discuss fundraising and sponsorship if funding is an issue**

2012 AWQ Schedule Tuesday, February 28th

- **10:00am** Registration Opens
- **10:45** Foreign Film Discussion
- **12:00pm** Open Lunch
- **12:45** UM Foreign Student Roundtable Discussion
- **2:15** Presentation by Ambassador Mark Johnson (Ret.)
- **3:00** Global Group Team Challenge—NATO Exercise
- **4:00** Team Check-in Open for teams arriving for the competition
- **4:30** Competition Begins
- **5:30** Sponsored Team Dinner
- **6:30** Competition Resumes
- **7:30** End of Competition
- **7:45** Awards Ceremony

What is Academic WorldQuest?

Academic WorldQuest (AWQ) is a high school global trivia competition organized by the World Affairs Council of Montana (MWAC) in partnership with the World Affairs Councils of America. AWQ is an exciting team game that tests the competitors' knowledge of international issues through a series of provoking questions. In 2011, more than 250 students competed to represent Montana in Washington D.C.—AWQ Montana is now the 3rd largest competition in the nation!

How is the Game Played?

Teams, consisting of four students representing Montana high schools, compete by answering 100 multiple choice questions on preannounced international affairs categories (10 rounds of 10 questions). The team with the highest number of correct answers is the AWQ-Montana champion. The winning team, along with their coach/ advisor is sent to Washington, D.C. to represent Montana at the national level. At the national competition, students compete with teams from Councils from around the country. This program is generously sponsored by the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation.



Coaching a Team is Easy!

For more information, or to pledge a team from your school, please contact WACMT by email or phone. We provide students with a Study Guide, practice questions, and suggestions to help make preparation easy. To start a team, simply:

1. Assemble a team of four students
2. Contact us to pledge your team
3. Review study materials with your team— All questions come directly from the study guide provided
4. Compete at AWQ Montana
5. Winning team represents Montana at nationals in Washington, D.C.



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About WorldQuest...

Approximately **3,000** students from across the country participate in competitions hosted by over **40 local World Affairs Councils in 26 states**. This year's categories focus on the Six Top National Security Issues facing the United States in the run-up to the 2012 presidential election.



2012 National Competition

The winning team from the February 28th, 2012 Montana competition will travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in the national competition. This exciting event will take place on April 21st, 2012. The trip is generously sponsored by the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation and the World Affairs Council of Montana.

In recent years, Montana teams have had outstanding finishes at the national competition. In 2009, the Billings Skyview team competed against 40 teams and placed 4th, and in 2007 the Hellgate High School team placed 2nd.

2012 Categories

- ◆ **U.S. Education: Competing Globally**
- ◆ **Energy Policy**
- ◆ **Middle East**
- ◆ **China**
- ◆ **Afghanistan / Pakistan**
- ◆ **NATO**
- ◆ **U.S. Economic Competitiveness**
- ◆ **Azerbaijan**
- ◆ **Current Events**
- ◆ **U.N. Millennium Goals: Child Health**



Benefits of AWQ

Academic WorldQuest prepares students for international studies and careers in the global economy. The topics are compatible with, and enhance the study of, many existing curriculums and AP courses. In addition, AWQ provides students from the winning team with a sponsored trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the national competition.



Our Mission

The Council, founded in 2000, enables Montanans to appreciate the relationship of foreign policy and international issues to their lives in the Rockies. The Council offers opportunities to help us better understand the world events through people-to-people diplomacy, overseas visits, and educational outreach programs. As globalization reaches into all corners of the Big Sky, the Council seeks to help educate citizens about their increased political, economic, and cultural integration into the global community.

Other MWAC Programs

- Distinguished Speakers Programs
- Business Luncheon Series
- Distinguished Classroom Visits
- Cross Cultural Connections— Global High School Exchange
- Academic WorldQuest
- International Education Workshops and Study-tours for Teachers

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