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2010 Innovation in Education – Student Scholarship

Purpose

Project Tomorrow, a national education nonprofit organization headquartered in Orange County, supports innovative, research-based uses of science, math and technology resources to develop critical thinking, problem solving and creativity in K-12 students. Our vision is to prepare today's students to be tomorrow's innovators, leaders and engaged citizens.

The *Project Tomorrow Innovation in Education Awards* recognizes educational leaders and students for their innovative uses of science, math and technology in the classroom and community. The *2010 Innovation Award* categories are: Innovative School Program, High Impact Teacher and Emerging Student Innovator.

The *Project Tomorrow 2010 Innovation in Education Awards* will be presented at the 17th Annual High Tech Awards black tie reception on Wednesday, June 2nd in conjunction with TechAmerica's own corporate awards. This high profile event attracts over 300 business and community leaders each year. **Award finalists and a guest will be hosted at the reception.** Award recipients will receive regional and national recognition through both online and traditional media outlets. In addition, the student award recipient will receive a \$2500 scholarship to put towards tuition at the college of his/her choice.

Eligibility

All Orange County public school districts (including ROP districts) and their schools, private schools, parochial schools and affiliated principals, classroom teachers, and high school students are eligible for the awards. Nominations may be self-submitted or may be submitted by a district and/or school staff person, supporting organization such as a PTA unit, parent advisory committee, or youth-based organization(s).

Awards Process

- Project Tomorrow must receive all nomination forms by **5 pm on Friday, April 9th, 2010 either via fax (949.609.4665) or email (cgillis@tomorrow.org)**
- The Innovation Awards Review Committee will evaluate all nominations and if necessary contact the nominated district, school, teacher or student for additional information.
- All finalists will be notified by Tuesday, April 13th, 2010. There will be a short videotaping of all finalists – details will be available at a later date. Award Recipients will be announced live at the High Tech Awards Dinner on June 2nd, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Irvine (CA).

Information

For additional information, please contact Cindy Gillis at cgillis@tomorrow.org or Marianne Miller at 949.609.4660 ext 13. To print additional copies of this application, visit: <http://www.tomorrow.org/programs/innovationawards.html>

Deadline for all nominations: Friday, April 9th, 2010 at 5pm
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Emerging Student Innovator

Discovery consists of seeing what everybody has seen and thinking what nobody else has thought. (Jonathan Swift)

Award Criteria: Awarded to a High School Student from Orange County, CA who has used math, science or technology resources to address a problem in their school (or community).

For this nomination, please complete the following application and email it to Cindy Gillis at cgillis@tomorrow.org. **Specific, tangible examples** will be very helpful in our evaluation process.

Nominated Student _____
 Current Grade _____
 School _____
 Legal Guardian _____
 Email address _____ Phone _____

This nomination has been submitted by (if applicable):

Name _____
 Title _____
 School/District/Organization _____
 Email address _____ Phone _____

Open-ended responses should be less than 2 pages in length (total):

- Please describe in detail how you (or a group of students) used math, science or technology resources to solve a local problem in your community.
- How has your solution made a difference?
- What factors or people have influenced your interest in science, math or technology?

By submitting this application, I agree to be nominated for the *Project Tomorrow 2010 Innovation in Education Award*. I also acknowledge and agree to attend a finalist reception, participate in studies, surveys and conversations to share my experiences about solving problems in the community.

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