

USA Today College Academic Teams

Purpose	To honor the creative and intellectual efforts of some of the best and brightest college students in the United States . . . and to sell newspapers.
Award	
<i>Tenable</i>	Cash prize.
<i>Number & Amount</i>	20 individuals are named to the <i>First Team</i> . Forty more are named to the <i>Second</i> or <i>Third Teams</i> . <i>First Team</i> winners earn \$2500. All sixty winners recognized in USA Today.
<i>Duration</i>	Depends on how fast you spend it.
Eligibility	
<i>Who</i>	No restrictions on citizenship or age. Any major.
<i>When</i>	Junior or senior standing. Must be enrolled full time, excepting seniors in their final semester.
<i>Selection Criteria</i>	Academic success and extracurricular involvement are considered. Demonstrated leadership is valued. Essay to demonstrate scholarship or talent is most important though. Should showcase a particular intellectual or creative project that could be distilled into a good caption. This might include published research, creative work, an original public service effort, et cetera.
Campus Deadline	Applicants need signatures from a nominating professor and from an administrator or dean. Jim Hohenbary can help students coordinate this process. Please contact him in September or October.
Deadline	November typically.
Application	Application form with resume information. 500 word essay that details your outstanding intellectual or creative effort. Letter of nomination. Two additional references. Transcripts.
Contact	Jim Hohenbary will have information and applications regarding the USA Today Academic Teams in September. Reach him at 112 Eisenhower or (785) 532-6904.
Other	Women might also look into the Glamour Top 10 College Juniors. Find more information at www.usatoday.com/news/education/default.htm . Information can be hard to find between application cycles though. Competition was cancelled but then quickly revived in 2008. Unclear what that might signify regarding the future of the award.