

Funding Support

An Academic Decathlon coach requires financial support from his/her school and/or community to enable access to the materials and resources necessary to prepare and transport a team for competition.

Early in a competition year, the coach should discuss with a school administrator the needs of the team and ascertain how the school/community can help. Most schools provide financial support for extra co-curricular activities on their campuses.

The following are some suggestions as to where support may be available:

- Accounts for purchasing textbooks and other instructional materials
- Instructional department accounts (English, Science, Math, etc.)
- Specially funded program accounts — Gifted/Talented, School Improvement, etc.
- School-wide fundraising activities
- Student Body Funds — usually available for supporting student activities
- Grants
- School Booster Clubs — parents and community representatives

In addition to funding the resources needed for the Academic Decathlon team, most schools/school districts provide stipends for the Academic Decathlon coach — similar to those given to athletic coaches. A decathlon coach should discuss this matter with his/her school administrator.

As the Academic Decathlon coach, you are there to create the environment for a quality experience, to motivate the students to perform at their best and to guide them through the preparation process.

A successful coach always displays enthusiasm for the program, skillfully nurtures his/her group of individuals into a cohesive team and holds high expectations for the team to excel. It is a big job, but a rewarding one; one that should bring great satisfaction.



Potential Funding Source for your AD Program

DonorsChoose.org is a simple way to provide students in need with resources that our public schools often lack. At this not-for-profit web site, teachers submit project proposals for materials or experiences their students need to learn. These ideas become classroom reality when concerned individuals, whom we call Citizen Philanthropists, choose projects to fund.

<http://www.donorschoose.org/donors/search.html?action=browse&keywords=wisconsin&zone=0>

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Wisconsin Academic Decathlon (WIAD) is a non-profit extracurricular scholastic program available to all Wisconsin high school students. The majority of the funds are secured through the fundraising efforts of the State Director; team entry fees account for a small amount. Should you be aware of businesses, foundations or service clubs in your area that would like to contribute to WIAD, please direct them to our website <www.WIAD.org> or to the State Director at mritchie@wiad.org