

# WISCONSIN ACADEMIC DECATHLON



## GET INVOLVED

It's as easy as this...

### STUDENTS, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS

- Visit [www.WIAD.org](http://www.WIAD.org)
- Call the State Director for an application form and competition dates.
- Recruit and select a coach.
- Get a free Study Guide from the WIAD office.
- Interview students with a range of grade point averages.
- Select nine students for each team.
- Begin research and study following the official Study Guide outline.
- Compete in the only statewide academic competition that covers all academic subjects.

### BUSINESS & COMMUNITY LEADERS

Call the State Director to volunteer your service and support by:

- **Judging**, proctoring, or becoming a chairperson at the Regional or State Competition.
- **Sponsoring** an event, banquet table, award or scholarship at a competition.
- **Participating** as a yearly sponsor of the Wisconsin Academic Decathlon program.

The Academic Decathlon embodies a partnership of businesses, foundations and individuals in cooperation with the educational community of Wisconsin.

For additional program information contact:

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[www.WIAD.org](http://www.WIAD.org)

### I WOULD LIKE TO SERVE AS A:

Judge (Volunteer)

Coach

Sponsor (enclosed is my check payable to WIAD FDN., Inc.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Company/School \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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You will receive a prompt written reply.



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- The premier scholastic competition for high school students in America
- Third largest participating state in the nation
- Overall National Champions 2002



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**WISCONSIN'S ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Offers scholastic competition to public and private high school students since 1983.
- Ranks 3rd largest in participation in the nation.
- Brought home the Overall National Title in 2002 – Wisconsin is the only state outside of CA and TX to achieve this honor in the history of the United States Academic Decathlon®.
- Places consistently among the top teams at the national competition.
- Raises private donations each season to fund the program since the loss of state aid in 1995.

**THE PROGRAM IS DEVOTED TO:**

**Developing** knowledge-based skills that train the student to become a part of the business community.

**Challenging** the students to push themselves beyond what they thought academically possible, motivating, and recapturing their interest in academics.

**Rewarding** the heroes of the academic arena. It encourages “C” students to excel beyond their current achievement level and teaches other students that they have strengths they can contribute to the team.

Through the process of competitive elimination, finalist teams are selected from the 12 CESA districts and four school size divisions to advance to the Regional & State levels of competition.

Participation in WIAD stretches minds to reach new heights in academic and social learning. Experience this unique educational opportunity for A, B, and C level students by getting your high school involved today.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*The mission of the United States Academic Decathlon® is to promote learning and academic excellence among students of varying achievement levels by developing and providing multidisciplinary academic competitions using USAD®-based curricula.*

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Wisconsin Academic Decathlon is a ten-event scholastic competition for high school students from ninth through twelfth grade. Participation is voluntary.

A unique aspect of Academic Decathlon is its design to include students from all academic backgrounds. Grade point averages are determined according to USAD® guidelines. Often the “C” students, perhaps never academically motivated before, perform the best.

**Each nine-member team consists of:**

- Three “A” Honor Students (3.75-4.00 GPA)
- Three “B” Scholastic Students (3.00-3.74 GPA)
- Three “C” Varsity Students (0.00-2.99 GPA)

The official Study Guide for the Decathlon is developed by a team of national experts. A new theme is established each year with topics that are relevant, current and challenging. The ten subjects covered in the competition are:

<b>Art</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>
<b>Economics</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>Essay</b>	<b>Science</b>
<b>Interview</b>	<b>Social Science</b>
<b>Language &amp; Literature</b>	<b>Speech</b>

**NON-PROFIT STATUS**

Sixty-five percent of the annual program budget is secured through private donations. Tax deductible contributions to the Wisconsin Academic Decathlon Foundation, Inc. are exempt from federal income tax, EIN 39-1860126, under Section 509(a)(3), Type I of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3).

**FOR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, CONTACT:**

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**WISCONSIN PLAN**

Every public and private high school in the state of Wisconsin is extended the opportunity to participate in the competition. Registration information is processed through the WIAD office at Cooperative Educational Service Agency #7 in Green Bay. There are three levels of competition with an entry fee at each level.

**LOCAL COMPETITION**

All interested Wisconsin high schools may enter a 9-member team(s) for the November competition. CESA offices set up the Local exam sites in each district throughout the state. Schools may register more than one team, but only one team may advance to the next level.

**REGIONAL COMPETITION**

Sixty schools are selected statewide based upon their scores and division size at Local Competition. There are five testing sites for the Regional Competition in January; twelve schools are assigned to each site. Size divisions are based on the official DPI enrollment report for grades 9-12.

**STATE COMPETITION**

Twenty Regional schools advance according to the selection process, as the state competitors for the March Competition. The Super Quiz Relay is the tenth and final event of the Competition and open to the public. Visit the WIAD website for more information.

**NATIONAL COMPETITION**

The overall Championship Team represents our state in the National United States Academic Decathlon® Competition in April.

**AWARDS**

Decathletes earn certificates, ribbons, trophies, plaques and medals. All Regional and State participants (A, B & C students) are eligible for scholarships.

Each year, approximately \$250,000 in Direct Scholarships is available through participating colleges and universities in Wisconsin.