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MENSA FOUNDATION

The Mensa Education & Research Foundation is a philanthropic, non-profit, tax-exempt organization funded primarily by gifts from Mensa members and other donors. The Mensa Foundation works to identify and foster human intelligence for the benefit of humanity and to encourage research into the nature, characteristics, and uses of intelligence. Listed below are major programs sponsored by the Mensa Foundation. For more information about these programs, contact Jill Beckham at jillb@americanmensa.org.

Scholarship Program

The Mensa Foundation awards more than 165 scholarships based on competitive essays, to college and university students pursuing degrees at accredited U.S. institutions. Each year, more than 5,000 students apply for awards ranging from \$300 to more than \$1,000. In 2010, scholarships totaling more than \$73,000 were awarded.

Colloquium – Meeting of the Minds

In conjunction with American Mensa, the Foundation sponsors weekend-long meetings on scientific topics. Experts address attendees, who then meet in small groups to further explore the issue. Past themes include:

- Weather
- Genealogy
- Aspects of Humor
- A Revolution in Cosmology

Mensa Research Journal

The *Mensa Research Journal* publishes scholarly articles from around the world, many of which have won Mensa Foundation Awards for Excellence. The journal brings together the best work being done in the field of intelligence today. Recent topics include:

- Autism
- Barriers to Educating the Gifted
- Artistic Intelligence
- Gifted in the Workplace
- Homeschooling for the Gifted

Awards

Each year, the Foundation gives up to ten Awards for Excellence in Research for published articles or papers on intelligence and giftedness. The Mensa Foundation also presents the Distinguished Teacher Award for a teacher, instructor or professor who has had a positive influence on the life or education of a Mensa member or their dependent; the Copper Black award recognizing a member of Mensa for outstanding creativity; the Intellectual Benefits award, recognizing a Mensa member for the application of intellectual abilities that result in tangible benefit to society; and a Lifetime Achievement Award for excellence in the research of giftedness.

Conversations with Mensa

The podcast series, *Conversations with Mensa*, discusses aspects of intelligence that are covered in the Mensa Foundation's programs, the *Mensa Research Journal* and Mensa Colloquiums. The series provides the opportunity to expand our social intelligence by examining a multitude of topics. You can download the podcast series on iTunes. For more information about *Conversations with Mensa* or to listen to the series online, log on to www.mensafoundation.org/conversations.

International Programs

The Mensa Education & Research Foundation has expanded their programs to Mensa members around the world. The Copper Black International Award for Creative Achievement recognizes a Mensan who has produced an innovative, practical idea and successfully implemented it. The International Award for Benefit to Society recognizes specific accomplishments that benefits humanity and the International Scholarship Program provide scholarships for foreign students enrolled at colleges or universities in the United States.