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**APPLICATION PROCESS NOW OPEN FOR 2010-11  
YOUNG EPIDEMIOLOGY SCHOLARS (YES) COMPETITION**

*Nation's Leading Public Health Competition for High School Students Awards Nearly  
\$500,000 in College Scholarships Annually*

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 2, 2010 — The Young Epidemiology Scholars (YES) Competition, the nation's leading public health competition for high school students, has opened the application process for its 2010-11 Competition. The online registration, guidelines and a new YES project guide are now available online at [www.collegeboard.com/yes](http://www.collegeboard.com/yes). The deadline for entries is 9 AM EST, February 1, 2011.

The YES Competition provides college scholarships to high school juniors and seniors who submit outstanding research projects using epidemiological methods. YES awards nearly \$500,000 in college scholarships annually to 120 high school students. The finalists are selected based on the quality of their written research projects. Of these, 60 students are named Regional Finalists and invited to compete at the YES National Event in Washington, DC, in April, where they present their research to distinguished judges including leading epidemiologists and educators. The top 12 YES Scholars advance to compete as National Finalists for scholarships ranging from \$15,000 to \$50,000. An additional 60 Semifinalists receive scholarship awards of \$1,000. The YES National Event will be held in Washington, DC, April 15-18, 2011.

“The YES Competition inspires students to explore the world around them through scientific research that benefits society and prepares them for advanced study in college,” said Gaston Caperton, president of the College Board. “We are privileged to be able to support these bright students from all over the country as they explore vital public health issues that are so important.”

A recent collaboration with the national Science Olympiad program seeks to encourage students who participate in Science Olympiad's Disease Detectives event to enter the YES Competition. Disease Detective participants have many of the skills necessary to pursue a YES research project.

The YES Competition was established in 2003 by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the College Board to inspire talented high school students to apply epidemiological methods to the investigation of public health issues and, ultimately, encourage the brightest young minds to enter the field of public health. To date, the YES Competition has awarded more than \$3.2 million in scholarships. More than 4,000 students from all 50 states, as well as Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia and American Samoa, have entered the YES Competition since its inception. Past winners have investigated consumption of energy drinks among adolescents, underdiagnosed migraines in teenage girls, posttraumatic stress disorder in combat veterans, and the link between sleep deprivation and teen obesity, among many other urgent public health challenges of our time.

### **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation focuses on the pressing health and health-care issues facing our country. As the nation's largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to improving the quality of the health and health care of all Americans, the Foundation works with a diverse group of organizations and individuals to identify solutions and achieve comprehensive, meaningful, and timely change. For more than 35 years, the Foundation has brought experience, commitment, and a rigorous, balanced approach to the problems that affect the health and health care of those it serves. When it comes to helping Americans lead healthier lives and get the care they need, the Foundation expects to make a difference in your lifetime. For more information, visit [www.rwjf.org](http://www.rwjf.org).

### **The College Board**

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