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**DEADLINE TO ENTER 2010-11 YOUNG EPIDEMIOLOGY SCHOLARS  
(YES) COMPETITION IS FEBRUARY 1, 2011**

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

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 20, 2010 — The deadline to enter one of the most generous scholarship competitions in the nation – the Young Epidemiology Scholars (YES) Competition – is just around the corner. Entries in the 2010-11 YES Competition must be received by 9 AM EST, February 1, 2011. Online registration and guidelines are available at [www.collegeboard.com/yes](http://www.collegeboard.com/yes).

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. 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. The remaining 48 Regional Finalists each receive \$2,000. 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 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.

YES participants have gone on to attend the nation's finest schools and pursue careers in public health. 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**

The College Board is a mission-driven not-for-profit organization that connects students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the College Board was created to expand access to higher education. Today, the membership association is made up of more than 5,900 of the world's leading educational institutions and is dedicated to promoting excellence and equity in education. Each year, the College Board helps more than seven million students prepare for a successful transition to college through programs and services in college readiness and college success — including the SAT® and the Advanced Placement Program®. The organization also serves the education community through research and advocacy on behalf of students, educators and schools. For further information, visit [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).