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Talent Search Begins

➤ THE NATION'S top means for finding potential research scientists among the country's high school seniors has begun. It is the annual Science Talent Search for the Westinghouse Science Scholarships and Awards.

The start of the 17th Search comes at a time when U. S. scientists and politicians are suggesting that the need for scientific manpower is of paramount importance to the safety of the Free World. It also coincides with "National Science Youth Month," now in progress.

High school seniors throughout the country will strive for awards and scholarships totaling \$34,250.

Last year more than 20,000 students entered the contest.

From the thousands of applicants, judges select 40 national winners and 260 honorable mention winners. The 40 winners attend the five-day Science Talent Institute in the nation's capital where they compete for the scholarships and awards, meet leading scientists and visit the many research laboratories in the area.

Conducted by Science Service through its Science Clubs of America and supported by the Westinghouse Educational Foundation, the Search has attracted nearly 225,000 high school scientists to date. Of these, 44,000, including more than 10,000 girls, have completed all the requirements of the Search. In addition, 31 states and the District of Columbia are holding their own science talent searches concurrently with the national competition this year.

To comply with the entry rules, all contestants must take a two and one-half hour science aptitude examination and write a report on "My Scientific Project." Personal and scholastic records are required from the entrant's school, either public, private or denominational, within the continental limits of the United States. The examination will take place at the individual's own school beginning Dec. 2, and all entries must be received by midnight, Dec. 27, 1957.

Unlike many scholarship programs, the Search has no rule prohibiting its winners from accepting scholarships from other sources as well. This year, the Westinghouse Educational Foundation has tripled the amount to be awarded to the winners. The most promising young scientist among the 40 winners will receive a grand scholarship of \$7,500. Four other scholarships range in value from \$6,000 to \$3,000. Each of the remaining 35 winners will receive an award of \$250.

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