



## 2012 United Nations Contest for Chapel Hill/Carrboro, Chatham, Durham and Orange County High School Students

*Sponsored by the West Triangle Chapter of the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA)*

### Goals for the Contest

- To educate students about the United Nations and its mission.
- To encourage the creation of projects relevant to the work of the United Nations.
- To reward the most creative students and publicly recognize the parents and teachers who inspire them.

### Awards for the very best efforts:

- **First prize:** \$750 cash award
- **Second Prize:** \$500 cash award
- **Third Prize:** \$250 cash award

*Winning teams may divide their cash awards among their members as they see fit.*

### Award Criteria.

- Creative projects may come from social studies, art, music, drama, English, science, foreign languages, math, or career and technical education. *Team projects are encouraged.*
- To be eligible for an award, the creative project :
  1. **Must demonstrate knowledge of how the U.N. system addresses one of the many problems of concern to the world;** for example: keeping the peace; building democracy; helping refugees; improving health and education throughout the world; defending human rights; fighting poverty; protecting the environment; providing aid in emergencies such as floods and earthquakes. **In addition, the project should recommend specific ways the problem could be better solved by the U.N. and its affiliated agencies, programs, or funds OR analyze why effective solutions to the problem are so difficult to formulate and implement.**
  2. Regardless of the form of presentation, **the project must be presented in such a way that it can be evaluated for its relevance to the work of the U.N.** For example, a selection of musical works or a painting should be accompanied by a written or recorded oral explanation of how these works pertain to the mission of the United Nations.
  3. **Must be original and may be presented in a variety of forms, including:** an essay; a painting or sculpture; a poem, a story, or play; a musical composition or performance; dance; a scientific project; a poster, video, PowerPoint, or multi-media presentation. *All references and sources used in researching the project must be carefully documented in a reference section or bibliography.*
- **Please notify us of your interest in submitting a project by December 15th, 2011. By midnight January 16<sup>th</sup> 2012 provide a sentence outline and tentative bibliography for your project.** Email this information to Jean and Tuck Green, Co-Chairs, Education Outreach Committee, West Triangle UNA, at [cgreen17@nc.rr.com](mailto:cgreen17@nc.rr.com). *We are happy to provide suggestions about topics, how to research them, and ways to present them. For an example of a project outline and examples of winning Contest entries, see our website, [www.una-westtriangle.org](http://www.una-westtriangle.org); click on "UN Contest" on the home page.*

### Award Selection Process and Award Ceremonies

- Award Selection Committee members will be chosen from UNA West Triangle Chapter members and possibly from outside experts as well. **Students will present their projects to the Committee on Saturday February 4th and Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup> 2012, at the Carolina Center for Educational Excellence, attached to Smith Middle School in Chapel Hill.** *Winners will be notified within two days of the final presentations.*
- Award Ceremonies
  1. Award winners will be expected to summarize their creative works during the April 2012 meeting of the West Triangle Chapter of UNA. At that time award winners will receive their financial awards, certificates of achievement, and U.N. lapel pins. The Chapter will provide lunch for each winning student and a guest of her or his choice.
  2. Suitable publicity in state and local media will be arranged for the Award winners, their teachers, counselors, and schools. Senior Award winners may receive their certificates of achievement at high school award assemblies.