

# Young Scholars Awards Committee

## General Description

- Committee is standing
- Number of members is four – all Presidential appointments.
- Term is three years (July-June terms)

## Principal Activities

The AMS and its members provide funds to support mathematics programs for talented students at the high school level. The committee considers proposals from such programs and decides which to fund. In present form, it should award grants in the range of \$2,500 -15,000 per grant, of which at least 50% of each grant is to be earmarked for scholarships for students.

In January of 2013, Council set a minimum award of \$2,500 for mature programs that are excellent and will thus be given AMS endorsement by such an award. The normal award levels should be between \$5,000 and \$15,000 with the \$5,000 level (seed funding) for promising experiments that need our encouragement.

## Other Activities

### Miscellaneous Information

The Committee does its work by mail, electronic mail, and telephone. Such expenses may be reimbursed by the Society.

Established January 1999 Council as the Epsilon Program; changed to Young Scholars Program by the January 2001 Council.

### *Note to the Chair*

Committee chairs should be informed, at the beginning of each fiscal period, of the budget of their committees and cautioned to remain within the budget. Such items as travel reimbursement, accommodations, and meals for guests of any kind fall within these budgets.

Work done by committees on recurring problems may have value as precedent or work done may have historical interest. Because of this, the Council has requested that a central file system be maintained for the Society by the Secretary. Committees are reminded that a copy of every sheet of paper should be deposited (say once a year) in this central file. Confidential material should be noted, so that it can be handled in a confidential manner.

## Authorization

01/16/1999 Council Minutes, Item 7.2.

Council was informed that the Society would formulate a plan to provide support from existing funds for programs aimed at talented mathematics students at the high school level.

01/18/2000 Council Minutes, Item 6.5 (See also Attachments G and I)

The Council approved the concept of long term support for the Young Scholars Program. Then it endorsed proceeding with the quiet phase of a capital campaign to establish an endowment for that program. (Called the AMS Epsilon Fund)

01/09/2001 Council Minutes, Item 3.2

Committee name was changed from Interim Committee on Young Scholars to Young Scholars Awards Committee.

04/13/2002 Council Minutes, Item 3.1

The terms were change to begin on July 1, rather than February 1.

10/01/2003

Committee was approved as a Level B committee.

01/05/2008 Council Minutes, Item 4.6.1

The charge to the committee was updated and clarified.

01/08/2013 Council Minutes, Item 4.6.3

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06/20/2016 [11/07/2004 Committee Annual Report, no. 041107-008]

Level B designation removed.

### **Current and Past Members**

<http://www.ams.org/about-us/governance/committees/youngschol-past.html>

### **Winners**

<http://www.ams.org/profession/prizes-awards/pabrowse?purl=epsilon-award>

### **AMS website**

<http://www.ams.org/profession/prizes-awards/ams-awards/epsilon-award>