



Congressional Award

Public Law 96-114. The Congressional Award Act

MEMORANDUM

To: Congressional Award Community

From: Erica Heyse, National Director

Subject: Increased Registration Fee

Date: July 20, 2010

The Congressional Award Board of Directors has voted to increase the \$10 registration fee to \$15 for all new enrollees. This new policy will take effect on January 1, 2011.

The registration fee will be used to offset increased program and administrative costs associated with the day-to-day business of the organization - including new program materials and postage. As the Congressional Award is completely privately funded, the fee increase will help maintain the quality of the program from initial registration through the Gold Medal level for every youth.

As always, the Congressional Award Foundation strives to maintain a low cost for all young people participating in the program. The last change in the fee structure was in January 1999 when the Foundation changed its policy from requiring a \$5 fee at each Award level to instituting a one-time \$10 fee to carry through the entire program.

It is important to note that the registration fee is not designed to prohibit or deter new participants from enrolling in the program. Youth that need financial assistance should contact the National Office at (202) 226-0130 or Information@CongressionalAward.org.