



THE WILLIAM LOWELL PUTNAM MATHEMATICAL COMPETITION

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Professor Basil E. Gillam
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Dear Professor:

I am enclosing a copy of the final report on this year's William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition for each of the schools in your section that participated. Several sections of the Association award prizes to the top students in their area and use these reports to select the recipients of their awards. The usual prize is annual dues for membership in the Mathematical Association of America. In a few cases, modest cash awards are made in addition to the membership.

If your section does not have funds to provide prizes, you may wish to apply to Professor Lyle E. Mehlenbacher, Chairman, Committee on Sections, Mathematical Association of America. His address is 1957 Edgewood Boulevard, Berkeley, Michigan 48072. The Committee on Sections has an annual Appropriation to help support projects of the sections, and they would probably be willing to cover the cost of two or three memberships for students who rank in the top hundred (if the section cannot raise the money).

It is now the policy of the MAA to grant five one-year MAA memberships to the Putnam Fellows (top five). If any of these five are in your Section, you may prefer not to duplicate this award.

Enclosed with the reports is a listing of home addresses for the top 500 contestants. This may help you if you wish to contact any of the individuals.

There is a custom associated with the Putnam Competition that no person or school should be caused embarrassment by their performance in the Competition. I trust that you will preserve this custom.

I feel that the goals of the Competition will be enhanced if each of the sections would provide recognition to local winners. Your efforts in this direction will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

James H. McKay

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Enclosures