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QuestBridge expands STEM and Arts Quest for Excellence Awards Programs

Palo Alto, California (August 3, 2015) – QuestBridge announces the expansion of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and Arts Quest for Excellence (QFE) Awards. The [Quest for Excellence Award Program](#) offers additional incentives to QuestBridge applicants based on specialized backgrounds and interests.

For the 2015 QuestBridge [National College Match](#) – a scholarship and application process that connects outstanding low-income high school seniors with admission and full four-year scholarship to top colleges – QuestBridge will increase the number of STEM and Arts awards. Twenty STEM and ten Arts Quest for Excellence Awards will be offered to College Match Finalists who demonstrate excellence in these respective areas.

Each Quest for Excellence STEM recipient will receive up to \$1000 in educational technology, which can include a computer, laptop, tablet, or other approved electronics. Arts recipients will also receive up to \$1000 in approved technology or arts supplies.

“QuestBridge is committed to increasing opportunities for students who demonstrate excellence or potential in STEM and the arts,” said Ana McCullough, QuestBridge Co-Founder and CEO, “These generously funded awards will provide these students with additional resources to support their journey to attending an excellent college.”

To apply, students must submit a complete National College Match application by September 28, 2015, and the Quest for Excellence supplement by October 13, 2015. Additional items, such as an arts portfolio, may be required upon request. Quest for Excellence Award recipients will be notified by February 2016.

Quest for Excellence Awards are offered to QuestBridge applicants through the generous contributions of QuestBridge supporters.

About QuestBridge:

QuestBridge, a national non-profit based in Palo Alto, California, connects the nation’s most exceptional, low-income youth with leading institutions of higher education and further life opportunities. By recruiting, developing, and motivating these students – beginning in high school through college to their first job – QuestBridge aims to increase the percentage of talented low-income students attending the nations’ best colleges and to support them to achieve success in the respective careers and communities.

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