

Cards Against Humanity Celebrates Ten Years and Over \$1.5M of Scholarships for Women & Non-Binary Students in STEM

Company announces \$100,000 in new scholarships supported by 100% of profits from new game

CHICAGO, **Illinois**. (June 18, 2025) – Best-selling party game Cards Against Humanity celebrated today the tenth anniversary of their <u>Science Ambassador Scholarship</u> by awarding five young scientists a total of \$100,000 in undergraduate tuition funds.

The scholarship was founded in 2015 by Cards Against Humanity and has **paid out over \$1.5M** to date. **This year's winners will each receive \$20,000** in undergraduate tuition scholarships, access to a mentorship program and science communication training, and a \$1,000 personal stipend for professional development activities.

Meet the 2025 Science Ambassadors

- Anna Reichenbach, a high school senior from Pennsylvania, will attend the University of Alaska Anchorage this fall and is planning a career in ornithology.
- Anne-Marie Atanga is a fourth-year student at the University of Michigan studying neuroscience and voice performance.
- <u>Mmachi Ezigbo</u> is a sophomore studying neuroscience, medical sociology, and creative writing at the University of Pennsylvania.
- <u>Paulina McConnell</u>, a high school senior from California, is an aspiring ecologist and environmental scientist attending Yale this fall.
- <u>Sophia You</u>, a high school senior from Oregon is starting at Princeton this fall to study computer science and graphic design.

"A lot of us at Cards Against Humanity study and work in STEM fields and see the massive gender gaps firsthand," said Josh Dillon, co-founder of Cards Against Humanity and astrophysicist at UC Berkeley. "When we released the original <u>Science Pack</u> ten years ago, we wanted to use its profits and our broader reach to make a real difference on this issue. By creating our own scholarship, we could both directly support unrepresented students and use our platform to help change the public perception of what a scientist looks like."

"This is just the beginning. We're so excited to see what the next decade brings," added Dillon.

To support the next generation of Science Ambassadors, the games company released today their adaptation of the folk party game, Contact. It's available now at www.ScreamContact.com, and 100% of profits benefit the Science Ambassador Scholarship.

"Contact is the game we play when we're bored of Cards Against Humanity," said Dillon. "It's a thinky game of stumping your friends and periodically screaming 'CONTACT!' And for our first print run, it comes bundled with the **all-new Cards Against Humanity Science Pack** 2," said Dillion. "It's a call back to how this all started, but updated for 2025 with jokes of CRISPR, AI, and the James Webb Space Telescope."

To date, the Science Ambassador Scholarship has raised and distributed over \$1.5M largely thanks to the sales of their <u>Science Pack</u> and <u>Climate Catastrophe Pack</u>—100% of profits from both go directly towards the scholarship trust. In this time, the scholarship has supported nine full-tuition winners, five \$20,000 scholarship recipients, and over 20 runners-up with tuition stipends up to \$5,000 each.

The scholarship recipients are all gifted communicators. Their applications start with three-minute public mini-lectures on a STEM topic of their choosing, which are highlighted on the <u>scholarship's YouTube page</u>. They are reviewed by an advisory board of 45 science and tech professionals with advanced degrees, including researchers, educators, doctors, and C-suite executives.

"Obviously our main goal is to aid the rising tuition costs that can hinder access to higher education," said Maria Ranahan, Community Manager of Cards Against Humanity and Executive Director of the Science Ambassadors Scholarship. "But beyond that, it's important to us to highlight our students' voices. Every year, we receive around two thousand applications. Over the course of this program, we've flooded the internet with twenty thousand videos of young scientists talking, teaching, and sharing their passion for

STEM. They're changing the way the public thinks about what a scientist looks like just by being themselves—and that's pretty magical."

The 2025 Science Ambassadors will additionally receive science communication training, access to a formal mentorship program, and a \$1,000 personal communication stipend for them to design and execute a personal project that would aid their goals as scientists. These funds can be used for podcast or video equipment, to create their own projects or experiments at their university, for travel to conferences or competitions, and more.

"This kind of support has practical implications for undergrads—they have great ideas but not necessarily the resources to make them happen, and that's where we come in. It's an honor to provide this kind of support to our Ambassadors. We want it to jumpstart their careers as both scientists and science communicators."

To learn more about Cards Against Humanity's past and present Science Ambassadors and to support the scholarship with the purchase of their **new game Contact**, visit ScienceAmbassadorScholarship.org.

Applications for next year's scholarship will open this September.

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