

# UIL ACADEMIC COMPETITION PREPARES STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE

**Preparation for College** – Competition develops higher-level thinking, organization of thoughts and information, and effective communication with others.

**Training for Careers** – Numerous studies indicate that students who have been involved in extracurricular events have higher job success.

**Life Skills** – Participation in extracurricular events builds a strong foundation for life-long learning and the development of social skills.

**Confidence** – Involvement in academic contests builds poise and assurance, as well as the ability to handle stressful conditions.

**Fun** – Competition allows students to interact with others, establish lasting friendships and enjoy the thrill of learning.



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BOOST STUDENT SCHOLASTIC PERFORMANCE  
THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN



## HIGH SCHOOL UIL ACADEMIC COMPETITION



The University Interscholastic League offers the most comprehensive literary and academic competition in the nation. The program provides more than any other UIL division in terms of activities, with 23 high school and 19 elementary and junior high contests. More than a half million students participate in UIL academic events.

These activities, which exist to complement the academic curriculum, are designed to motivate students as they acquire higher levels of knowledge, to encourage students to confront issues of importance, and to provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of specific skills. Students are challenged to think critically, exhibiting much more than knowledge and comprehension.





# LAUNCH YOUR UIL ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND...

## **Propel Student Achievement:**

- Integration of neurological functions which aid learning and performance in other subject areas
- Access to a variety of human insights which promote the use of higher order thinking skills
- Enrichment of the learning environment
- Development of a positive emotional response to learning
- Motivation for learning and improvement of overall academic performance

## **Boost Scholarship Opportunities:**

- The Texas Interscholastic League Foundation has given over \$21 million since 1954 to more than 15,000 students who have competed in the UIL Academic State Meet.
- The TILF has over \$7 million in endowed funds and receives direct scholarship grants each year of more than \$800,000 from foundations, individuals and corporate sponsors throughout the state.
- During a typical academic year, TILF will disburse more than \$1 million to more than 600 students attending colleges and universities throughout Texas. While not all applicants can be awarded a scholarship at this time, the TILF board continues to pursue additional funding.
- Participation in UIL academic competition enhances both college and scholarship applications by graduating high school seniors.

## UIL ACADEMIC COMPETITION

- ★ Improves Student Achievement
- ★ Provides Practical Training for the Future
- ★ Enhances Scholarship Opportunities
- ★ Enriches the Advanced Placement Program
- ★ Augments the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program
- ★ Complements the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills

### *High School Academic Events*

Accounting • Calculator • Computer Applications • Computer Science • Current Issues & Events  
 • Literary Criticism • Mathematics • Number Sense • Ready Writing • Science • Social Studies •  
 Spelling & Vocabulary • CX & LD Debate • Extemporaneous Speaking • Prose and Poetry  
 Interpretation • Journalism • One-Act Play