

6-8th Grade Certificate Master List

Bill Gates Innovation Award

Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft, revolutionized the computer and software industry. Gates is extremely innovative for creating the largest software company in the world, which makes life-changing products that help people work more efficiently.

John Mollo Design Award

John Mollo is a famous designer responsible for creating the Star Wars costumes. An Academy Award winner, Mollo has gained world notoriety for his iconic designs.

Greta Thunberg Global Thinker Award

Greta Thunberg is a climate activist who began her career at a young age by skipping school on Fridays to protest outside of Swedish Parliament with a sign that read, “school strike for climate.” Thunberg is a now global thinker for leading protests around the world to enact change.

Jill Heinerth Perseverance Award

Jill Heinerth is a famous underwater cave diver who has been to some of the most dangerous, hard to reach places on Earth, by diving into deep underwater caves and iceberg caves. Heinerth is known for her perseverance and for being the first to dive Antarctic ice caves.

Gabriele Veneziano Out-of-the-box Thinking Award

Gabriele Veneziano is an Italian theoretical physicist whose studies formed the basis of modern “string theory.” String theory seeks to unify all disagreeing scientific theories. Veneziano is known for his out-of-the-box thinking as his work shows how certain particles interact with each other in string-like forms.

Jenny Huey-Jen Su Leadership Award

Jenny Huey-Jen Su is known for her work in airborne microbes and for saving many lives following a disease outbreak in China. Su’s leadership has led to great strides in public health at the governmental level.

Valentine Tereshkova Curiosity Award

Valentine Tereshkova was the first and youngest woman to go into space, in 1963 for Russia, and she has orbited the earth 48 times. Tereshkova’s curiosity has not only led her to space endeavors, but also to political aspirations.

Ada Lovelace Trendsetter Award

Ada Lovelace is known for creating the first computer algorithm, back in the 1800s. Lovelace understood what would eventually become modern computation and was a trendsetter in the field of computation and machinery.

Steve Fitch Social Responsibility Award

Steve Fitch started Eden Reforestation Projects after seeing the devastation caused by deforestation. Fitch's dedication to social responsibility directly helps and protects refugees, animals, and habitats throughout the world.

Edward Jenner Initiative Award

Edward Jenner invented the first modern vaccine, the small-pox vaccine, after realizing people who worked with dairy rarely caught the disease. Jenner's initiative in finding the connection between healthy dairy workers and vaccination has saved millions of lives.

Johnson, Jackson, and Vaughan Troubleshooting Award

Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson, and Dorothy Vaughan ran important calculations for flight paths and computer programming at NASA during the space race. African American women working during the time of segregation, these three women are known for their troubleshooting skills that helped enable many space missions.

Marie Curie Positive Role Model Award

Marie Curie, discoverer of the elements polonium and radium, is the first woman to win the Nobel Prize. Curie's scientific discoveries and later contributions to France's first military radiology center and League of Nations make her a positive role model.

Zaha Hadid Passion Award

Zaha Hadid, the first and only woman ever to win the Royal Gold Medal in architecture, is known for architectural work with deconstructive shapes and long, curving lines. Hadid's passion for architecture has resulted in notable creations like the Heydar Aliyev Cultural Center, the Guangzhou Opera House, and the Zaragoza Bridge Pavilion.

Malala Yousafzai Willpower Award

Malala Yousafzai is a Pakistani woman who was the youngest to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for campaigning for the education of women. Known for her willpower, Yousafzai survived being shot in the head by a gunman merely for trying to attend school and gain an education.