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Website:

<https://lendedu.com/blog/private-student-loans/>

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Website:

<https://www.moneysavingpro.com/blog/100-scholarships-for-college-students/>

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AISEC is a great way to challenge yourself by interning and volunteering abroad. Not only do these programs expose students to real career experiences, they also help students grasp a more clear view of the world and its cultures.

Website:

<https://aiesec.org/global-volunteer>

Boren Awards

Boren Scholarships allow U.S. Undergraduate Students to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests but underrepresented in study abroad.

Website:

<https://www.borenawards.org/>

Carnegie's International Essay Contest: Making a Difference

The Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs hosts a yearly essay contest for both students and teachers. Prior topics include sustainability and contemporary ethical dilemmas. For an example of topics and rules.

Website:

<https://www.carnegiecouncil.org/news/announcements/372>

Do Something.org- ongoing service projects to join

One of the largest global orgs for young people and social change, our 3.8 million members tackle campaigns that impact every cause, from poverty to violence to the environment to literally everything else. Any cause, anytime, anywhere.

Website:

<https://www.dosomething.org/us/about/who-we-are>

<i>Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics</i>	<p>The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity hosts a yearly essay scholarship competition regarding ethical issues.</p> <p>Website: http://eliewieselfoundation.org/</p>
<i>Exchanges, Training and Study Abroad</i>	<p>The U.S. Department of State sponsors multiple programs for educational, cultural, and professional exchanges across the world.</p> <p>Website: https://exchanges.state.gov/us</p>
<i>International Cultural Diplomacy: Young Leaders Forums</i>	<p>The International Cultural Diplomacy (ICD) Young Leaders Forums are international networks of like-minded individuals with an active interest in developing and supporting intercultural relations. The first Young Leaders Forum was developed almost a decade ago and ICD have since developed and launched a variety of different bilateral and multilateral Forums that focus on a diverse range of relationships across the world. ICD has developed these Forums to provide a platform for the next generation of leaders to explore the potential of organized cultural exchange in the international environment and to use the networks they become part of to organize their own leadership initiatives. Further information about the next Weeklong Seminar can be found here.</p> <p>Website: http://www.oyed.org/index.php?en_ylf</p>
<i>JET Program USA</i>	<p>JET has sent more than 60,000 global participants (including nearly 32,000 Americans) to work in schools, boards of education, and government offices throughout Japan. This is a unique cultural exchange opportunity to meet people from all around the world.</p> <p>Website: https://jetprogramusa.org/</p>
<i>Luce Scholars Program</i>	<p>The Luce Scholars Program is a nationally competitive fellowship program. It was launched by the Henry Luce Foundation in 1974 to enhance the understanding of Asia among potential leaders in American society.</p> <p>Website: http://www.hluce.org/lsprogram.aspx</p>
<i>National Geographic Photo Contest- for 18 and older</i>	<p>Do you have a winning shot? Send in your best photos—in categories like Animals/Wildlife, Travel, and Weather—for a chance to win a National Geographic Expeditions to the Galápagos and have your photo published in National Geographic Traveler magazine.</p> <p>Website: https://www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/traveler-photo-contest-gallery/</p>
<i>OnlineCollege.net</i>	<p>Knowing that students and families are faced with trying to figure out the best educational route to take, OnlineColleges.net has refocused their site and its resources to provide an investigative review of the online education landscape and critically evaluate the best program available, from quality to affordability. Most importantly, they have provided scholarship information that students can leverage to help finance their education.</p>

Website:
<https://www.onlinecolleges.net/texas/>

PLURAL

The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) again invite the world's youth to submit original and creative videos focusing on PLURAL+ themes: migration, diversity and social inclusion.

Website:
<https://pluralplus.unaoc.org/>

*STEM National
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Inspired by the Educate to Innovate campaign, this initiative of President Obama seeks to engage student's innate interests in playing and designing video games.

Website:
<http://stemchallenge.org/#/home>

*The Student Loan
Report*

The Student Loan Report was started by Drew Cloud in 2016 to provide unbiased coverage on the latest student loan news and information. The Student Loan Report also creates resources and guides for borrowers and their families so they make the best decisions when it comes to paying for college and repaying student debt. Some examples of these include guides for private student loans and student loan refinancing and consolidation.

Website:
<https://studentloans.net/>

*Voices of Youth
Essay Contest*

These features look at issues such as corporate social responsibility programmes and they showcase good examples from around the world.

Website:
<http://www.voicesofyouth.org/en/posts/unicef-voices-of-youth---the-guardian-writing-contest>

High School

Discover Diplomacy

A program of the U.S. Department of State, Discover Diplomacy aims to engage young people with the people, places, and issues related to current and past diplomatic efforts focused on the United States and various regions around the world. The page also features an explorer feature that allows students to search a world map for U.S. embassies located around the globe.

Website:

<https://www.state.gov/discoverdiplomacy/>

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2016 Most Affordable Colleges In Texas By College Affordability Guide

A guide to Texas' top-ranked colleges, loans and scholarships for instate students, and tips on how to save money.

Website:

<https://www.collegeaffordabilityguide.org/schools/texas/>

Ala Girls Nation

Since 1947, ALA Girls Nation has provided aspiring young women leaders firsthand experience with practical insight into how the federal government works. Two participants per state, known as "senators," are chosen to represent their respective.

Website:

<https://www.alaforveterans.org/ALA-Girls-Nation/>

American Foreign Service Association High School Essay Contest

This contest, in its tenth year, is part of the AFSA's goal to help you and other young Americans better understand how the men and women of the Foreign Service serve and defend our critical national interests around the globe, possibly leading many participants to consider international careers in service to our country. Participants are asked to write a 750-1000 word essay on a specific topic; Challenges Facing the American Foreign Service in the 21st Century was the 2010 topic. Please check out the website below for rules, guidelines, deadlines and the upcoming topic. You could win \$2,500 and \$500 for your school plus a paid trip to Washington, D.C. for you and your parents and a chance to meet America's top diplomats!

Website:

<http://www.afsa.org/>

Affordable Colleges- Study Abroad Guide

Our guide provides an in-depth look at what studying abroad is -- where to go, what to study -- as well as the financial factors to consider . Studying abroad can be a unique and fulfilling opportunity, but it can also be very costly. With this guide, we show students and their families that it's possible to study abroad without breaking the bank.

Website:

<https://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/college-resource-center/study-abroad/>

Association Of Childhood Education International

The Student Leadership Award recognizes outstanding student members of ACEI whose leadership activities have been focused on child advocacy. Child advocacy efforts must demonstrate and reflect the mission, vision, and guiding principles of ACEI.

Website:

<https://www.acei.org/>

Best Colleges-Guide To Study Abroad

Nearly 300,000 students study abroad every year, taking the opportunity to shape their education through immersion in other cultures. As exciting as the idea of studying abroad is, making this decision does merit a lot of questions from students and their families. We make the case for studying abroad by addressing common questions and concerns.

Website:

<https://www.bestcolleges.com/resources/study-abroad-guide/>

Bill Of Rights Institute Contests

The Bill of Rights Institute offers students ways to engage in deeper study of American history and political ideas. The Being an American Essay Contest challenges high school students to reflect on the civic values important to good citizenship. To find out how to participate, Click here. Additionally, the Constitutional Academy is a selective program which allows students to spend a week in Washington D.C. This trip is designed to facilitate discussion of American history and politics through the guidance of councilors and professors from local universities.

Website:

<http://billofrightsinstitute.org/engage/students-programs-events/>

Department Of State HS Scholarships To Study Abroad

Offers merit-based scholarships to study one of seven critical foreign languages: Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Korean, Persian(Tajiki), Russian and Turkish in Bosnia & Herzegovina, Egypt, Ghana, Germany, India, Indonesia, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Oman, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, Tunisia, and Turkey.

<i>Lendedu- Best Private Student Loan Lenders 2017</i>	<p>Website: https://www.dfwworld.org/document.doc?id=450&erid=2115937&trid=533add20-03e4-47e9-b6ff-a9df31b09e40</p> <p>This private student loans guide covers the following information: In-depth comparison of the different private student loan options; Risks of using private student loans; Information about servicing; Information about interest rates; Application process and eligibility requirements.</p> <p>Website: https://lendedu.com/blog/private-student-loans/</p>
<i>Do Something.Org- Ongoing Service Projects To Join</i>	<p>One of the largest global orgs for young people and social change, our 3.8 million members tackle campaigns that impact every cause, from poverty to violence to the environment to literally everything else. Any cause, anytime, anywhere.</p> <p>Website: https://www.dosomething.org/us/about/who-we-are</p>
<i>Doors To Diplomacy</i>	<p>The Department of State and the Global SchoolNet Foundation announce the "Doors to Diplomacy" award competition, recognizing the student-created Global SchoolNet Web projects that best teach others about the importance of international affairs and diplomacy. To qualify, middle school and high school students will work in small teams with teacher-coaches. There are four components to the Doors to Diplomacy challenge: a collaborative web project, a project narrative, the peer review process, and awards. Every team that enters a project will receive a special "Doors to Diplomacy" certificate recognizing their achievement. Each student member of the two winning teams — one American and one international — will also receive a \$2,000 scholarship, and the winning coaches' schools will each receive a \$500 cash award.</p> <p>Website: http://www.globalschoolnet.org/gsndoors/aglance.cfm</p>
<i>Euro Challenge</i>	<p>You are warmly invited to participate in the Euro Challenge, an exciting competition based educational opportunity for 9th and 10th grade high school students to learn about the European Union (EU) and its single currency, the euro. Now in its 11th year, this program, aligned to the Common Core, introduces students of global studies, world history or European studies to economics and offers a unique learning experience that moves them out of the classroom into the real world.</p> <p>Website: https://www.euro-challenge.org/</p>
<i>Exchanges Connect Annual Video Contest</i>	<p>This video contest, brought to you by the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, asks students ages 14 or older worldwide to share their perspective using video submissions. As part of the ExchangesConnect international social network site, the four grand prize winners are eligible to receive an all-expense-paid international exchange program. Also, more prizes like Flip Video™ camcorders are awarded throughout the contest. Click here for more information, topics for the next contest, and general rules.</p> <p>Website: https://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/connect</p>

<i>Fort Worth Sister Cities Trip To Japan- Harashin Exchange</i>	<p>Since 1990, The Harashin Co. of Nagaoka, Japan has funded scholarships for eight Fort Worth students and two teachers to travel there for an educational and cultural enrichment exchange. In return, the families of these Fort Worth students host students and teachers from Nagaoka in their homes for a reciprocal exchange.</p> <p>Website: https://www.fwsistercities.org/fort-worth-youth-ambassadors-visit-japan/</p>
<i>Fort Worth Sister Cities Ambassadors</i>	<p>Youth Ambassadors from 8 – 12th grades represent Fort Worth and the USA in the cities visited while learning the importance of global volunteerism. Students also participate in monthly orientation meetings to prepare for the exchanges.</p> <p>Website: https://www.fwsistercities.org/what-we-do/youth-exchanges/</p>
<i>Global Citizen Youth Summit</i>	<p>The Global Citizens Youth Summit is a nine-day program for young leaders ages 16–19. During the program, they have the unique opportunity to learn from Harvard University faculty and participate in discussion groups led by Phillips Exeter Academy faculty.</p> <p>Website: https://www.globalci.org/events</p>
<i>Global Citizen Year</i>	<p>Each year, Global Citizen Year recruits and trains a diverse corps of high school graduates "to engage as apprentices in Asia, Africa or Latin America during a transformative 'bridge year' before college. GCY Fellows spend 10 months in an intensive fellowship learning a new language, becoming integral members of a community and working on the frontlines of today's global challenges. CGY is looking for young people with exceptional passion and potential, and it works with each family to find ways to make the experience financially accessible."</p> <p>Website: https://www.globalcitizenyear.org/</p>
<i>Global School Net Cyber Fair</i>	<p>Students conduct research about their local communities and use digital media to publish their findings online. Recognition is given to the best projects in each of eight categories: local leaders, businesses, community organizations, historical landmarks, environment, music, art, and local specialties. The annual contest has involved more than 5 million students from 45,500 schools across 115 countries.</p> <p>Website: http://www.globalschoolnet.org/gsnf/</p>
<i>Heifer Ranch</i>	<p>A working farm in rural Perryville, AR, the 1,200-acre Heifer Ranch is filled with with gardens and animals. Come and take part in our hands-on, interactive programs and activities promoting sustainable solutions to global hunger, poverty and environmental degradation. Overnight programs.</p> <p>Website: https://www.heifer.org/what-you-can-do/experience-heifer/heifer-ranch-panel.html</p>
<i>International Essay Contest: Making a Difference</i>	<p>The Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs hosts a yearly essay contest for both students and teachers. Prior topics include the importance of sustainability and contemporary ethical dilemmas.</p> <p>Website: https://www.carnegiecouncil.org/news/announcements/0057</p>

<i>Why Diplomacy and Peacebuilding Matter: National High School Essay Contest</i>	<p>The U.S. has many tools to advance and defend its foreign policy and national security interests around the world—from diplomatic approaches pursued by members of the Foreign Service, to the range of options available to the U.S. military. In a 1,000-1,250-word essay, identify two cases—one you deem successful and one you deem unsuccessful—where the U.S. pursued an integrated approach to build peace in a conflict-affected country. The Fund for American Diplomacy is the American Foreign Service Association's 501(c)(3) charity supporting its outreach goals and this National High School Essay contest is AFSA's main high school student initiative.</p> <p>Website: http://afsa.org/essay-contest</p>
<i>Mix It Up at Lunch</i>	<p>A national campaign launched by Teaching Tolerance over a decade ago, Mix It Up at Lunch Day encourages students to identify, question and cross social boundaries.</p> <p>Website: https://www.tolerance.org/mix-it-up/getting-started</p>
<i>National Geographic Student Expeditions Scholarship Program</i>	<p>The National Geographic Student Expeditions Scholarship Program provides financial support for students seeking educational summer experiences abroad who could otherwise not afford them.</p> <p>Website: https://ngstudentexpeditions.com/resources/scholarships</p>
<i>National Peace Essay Contest</i>	<p>The U.S. Institute of Peace is holding a national essay contest on the topic of Security Sector Reform, Political Transition, and Sustainable Peace.</p> <p>Website: https://www.usip.org/public-education/contests-students</p>
<i>National World War II Museum Essay and Arts Contests</i>	<p>The National World War II Museum of New Orleans offers opportunities for both middle school and high school students to get involved. For the art contest, students from grades 5-8 are asked to create artwork based on annual topics featuring realistic depictions or an abstract representation that are rooted in World War II history. For the essay contest, high school students are asked to write 1,000 word essays on annual topics that relate to World War II and today. Both contests feature cash and other prizes for the winners and have first-come, first-serve entry limits. Topics will be announced in the National World War II Museum website.</p> <p>Website: https://www.nationalww2museum.org/students-teachers/school-programs/essay-contest</p>
<i>The National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y)</i>	<p>The National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, provides merit-based scholarships for eligible high school students and recent high school graduates to learn less commonly taught languages in summer and academic-year overseas immersion programs.</p> <p>Website: http://www.nsliforyouth.org/</p>
<i>NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing Program</i>	<p>Achievement Awards in Writing is a school-based writing program established in 1957 to encourage high school students in their writing and to recognize publicly some of the best student writers in the nation. The National Council of Teachers of English recognize students cited as excellent writers by judges.</p>

	<p><i>Website:</i> http://www2.ncte.org/awards/achievement-awards-in-writing/</p>
One Minute Videos	<p>One minute videos about assigned topics made by youth.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> http://www.theoneminutesjr.org/?thisarticle=606</p>
Online Colleges in Texas by College Affordability Guide	<p>A guide to the top not-for-profit colleges and universities in Texas offering online degree programs.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> http://www.collegeaffordabilityguide.org/schools/texas/online-colleges-in-texas/</p>
Plural	<p>The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) again invite the world’s youth to submit original and creative videos focusing on PLURAL+ themes: migration, diversity and social inclusion.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> https://pluralplus.unaoc.org/</p>
Population Education Video Contest	<p>Population Education, a program of Population Connection, is the only national program with a strong emphasis on curriculum and professional development for K-12 educators that focuses on human population issues. Since 1975, the program has developed age-appropriate curricula to complement students’ science and social science instruction about human population trends and their impacts on natural resources, environmental quality and human well-being.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> https://www.worldof7billion.org/student-video-contest</p>
Prudential Spirit of Community Service Awards	<p>Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honors students in grades 5–12 who have engaged in a community service project during the last 12 months. Winners receive \$1,000 and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> https://spirit.prudential.com/awards/how-to-apply</p>
STEM National Video Game Challenge	<p>Inspired by the Educate to Innovate campaign, this initiative of President Obama seeks to engage student’s innate interests in playing and designing video games.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> http://www.stemchallenge.org/stem/#/home</p>
The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards	<p>The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards: Registration is now open for this national contest encouraging students in grade 7 - 12 to create projects on social change.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> http://www.scholastic.com/aboutscholastic/social-responsibility.htm</p>
Summer Travel for Teens	<p>National Geographic offers student travel programs around the world each summer that aim to inspire and educate middle school and high school students ages 13 and older.</p>

<p>Texas Council for Social Studies Student Scholarship</p>	<p>Website: http://ngstudentexpeditions.com/</p> <p>\$2,000 TX scholarship for HS students.</p>
<p>Toshiba Exploravision Program</p>	<p>Website: https://txcss.net/Awards-&-Grants</p> <p>Toshiba/National Science Teachers Association ExploraVision Program: The ExploraVision program challenges teams of students to research the technologies and scientific principles that could have great impact 20 years from now. Winning teams will receive savings bonds and an expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC.</p>
<p>TUFTS Global Leadership Program for High Schools</p>	<p>Website: https://www.exploravision.org/what-exploravision</p> <p>Inquiry is a global issues simulation program from Tufts University for high school students developed by EPIIC. Inquiry provides a unique opportunity for high school students from across the country to participate in a weekend-long intellectual and challenging simulation centered on a pertinent international or domestic issue.</p>
<p>Voices of Youth Essay Contest</p>	<p>Website: https://www.envisionexperience.com/explore-our-programs/junior-national-young-leaders-conference</p> <p>These features look at issues such as corporate social responsibility programs and they showcase good examples from around the world.</p>
<p>Yes Abroad Program Scholarship</p>	<p>Website: http://www.voicesofyouth.org/en/posts/unicef-voices-of-youth---the-guardian-writing-contest</p> <p>The Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Abroad Program offers scholarships to American high school students to spend a semester or an academic year abroad. Past destinations include Bosnia & Herzegovina, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Oman, Thailand, and Turkey.</p>

Middle School

Bill of Rights Institute Contests	<p>The Bill of Rights Institute offers students ways to engage in deeper study of American history and political ideas. The Being an American Essay Contest challenges high school students to reflect on the civic values important to good citizenship. Click here to find out how to participate.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> https://billofrightsinstitute.org/engage/students-programs-events/scholarship/</p>
Christopher Columbus Awards	<p>A community based science and technology competition for students provides hands-on experience with real-world problems. Deadline: February 6.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> http://christophercolumbusawards.com/enter.php</p>

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Website:

<http://www.globalschoolnet.org/gsndoors/aglance.cfm>

Fort Worth Sister
Cities Student
Leadership
Workshop

The International Leadership Academy (ILA) for high school students and Jr. ILA for middle school students are dynamic summer leadership programs bringing Fort Worth students together with students from our sister cities in China, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Indonesia, and Mexico.

Website:

<https://www.fwsistercities.org/join-in/join-the-emerging-leaders-network/>

Free the Children-
Junior World
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An international charity and educational partner, Free The Children believes in a world where all young people are free to achieve their fullest potential as agents of change. We work to empower youth to remove barriers that prevent them from being active local and global citizens.

Website:

<http://www.freethechildren.com/get-involved/we-school/resources-curriculum-and-lesson-plans/junior-world-changers-kit/>

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Elementary Model
United Nations

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Website:

<http://gemun.org/>

Global Art
Campaign

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Website:

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/gefi/home/?/4909.htm>

Global Junior Challenge	<p>The Global Junior Challenge is a world-wide competition launched by the City of Rome to award prizes to the best projects using new technologies for education training purposes of youth up to the age of 29. Their webpage has a service to find new partners for your project.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> http://www.gjc.it/en</p>
Mix It Up at Lunch	<p>A national campaign launched by Teaching Tolerance over a decade ago, Mix It Up at Lunch Day encourages students to identify, question and cross social boundaries.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> https://www.tolerance.org/mix-it-up/getting-started</p>
National STEM Video Game Challenge	<p>For middle and high school students - almost \$200K in cash and prizes. Deadline: March 12.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> http://stemchallenge.org/#/home</p>
National World War II Museum Essay and Arts Contests	<p>The National World War II Museum of New Orleans offers opportunities for both middle school and high school students to get involved. For the art contest, students from grades 5-8 are asked to create artwork based on annual topics featuring realistic depictions or an abstract representation that are rooted in World War II history. For the essay contest, high school students are asked to write 1,000 word essays on annual topics that relate to World War II and today. For more information and contest rules, please click here. Both contests feature cash and other prizes for the winners and have first-come, first-serve entry limits. Topics will be announced on the National World War II Museum website.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> https://www.nationalww2museum.org/students-teachers/school-programs/essay-contest</p>
The Junior National Young Leaders Conference	<p>The Junior National Young Leaders Conference (JrNYLC): Foundations of Leadership I, a six-day Envision program in Washington, DC, is for middle school students who have demonstrated leadership potential, are mature and motivated to learn and excel, and desire the critical leadership skills needed for success in middle school, high school and beyond.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> http://www.tuftsgloballeadership.org/program/inquiry</p>
The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards	<p>Registration is now open for this national contest encouraging students in grade 7 - 12 to create projects on social change.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> http://www.scholastic.com/aboutscholastic/social-responsibility.htm</p>
Summer Travel for Teens	<p>National Geographic offers student travel programs around the world each summer that aim to inspire and educate middle school and high school students ages 13 and older.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> https://ngstudentexpeditions.com/</p>

**UNICEF Holiday
Art Contest**

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Website:

www.unicefusa.org/mission/usa/pier-1-imports%20%Eunicef-greeting-card-contest

**Voices of Youth
Essay Contest**

These features look at issues such as corporate social responsibility programmes and they showcase good examples from around the world.

Website:

www.voicesofyouth.org/en/posts/unicef-voices-of-youth---the-guardian-writing-contest

Elementary School

Christopher Columbus Awards	<p>A community based science and technology competition for students provides hands-on experience with real-world problems.</p>
	<p><i>Website:</i> http://christophercolumbusawards.com/enter.php</p>
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Trick or Treat for UNICEF	<p>Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF began in 1950 as a way to help kids who need more than candy. Since then, children all over America have raised more than \$170 million for the U.S. Fund for UNICEF.</p>
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Global Games

<i>Against All Odds Game</i>	<p>UNHCR also helps refugees find lasting solutions. Voluntary repatriation, or return to their original homes, is what most refugees hope for, but this is not always possible. In those cases UNHCR helps people rebuild their lives elsewhere – either in the countries where they first sought asylum or in a third country willing to accept them for resettlement. How would you handle refugee status?</p> <p><i>Website:</i> http://www.playagainstallodds.ca/</p>
<i>Ayiti</i>	<p>Working with youth leaders, Global Kids and Gamelab developed Ayiti, a role-playing video game in which the player assumes the roles of family members living in rural Haiti. Over the course of the game, players choose among and balance various goals, such as achieving education, making money, staying healthy, and maintaining happiness while encountering unexpected events.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> https://www.tigweb.org/tiged/projects/ayiti/</p>
<i>Birka: A Strategic Trading Game</i>	<p>In this trading game, students use marginal analysis to determine whether prospective trades will benefit them, probe constantly for mutually beneficial exchanges that remain to be exploited, and bid more for cards that are relatively scarce.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> http://www.econoclass.com/birka.html</p>
<i>In Crisis of Nations</i>	<p>Take the helm of your own country and work together with others to solve international problems! As the leader of your own country, you'll have to make tough choices about how to use military, espionage, and economic resources to serve both the best interests of your own country and the larger global community.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> https://www.icivics.org/games/crisis-nations</p>
<i>Discovery Channel Games</i>	<p>Dozens of free games about Science and the World.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> https://www.discoverymindblown.com/</p>
<i>EPALS</i>	<p>12 games about history, environment, maps, immigrations, etc.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> http://en.community.epals.com/epals_cares/p/games-and-quizzes.aspx</p>
<i>Fast Car: Traveling Safely Around the World</i>	<p>Fast Car: Travelling Safely around the World is the game that provides information on existing preventive practices, treatment and care for HIV and AIDS. The player can race on circuits on five different continents and virtually visit some of the UNESCO World Heritage sites. It also presents images of sites and interesting facts about them as players race by.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> http://www.unesco.org/new/en/communication-and-information/crosscutting-priorities/hiv-and-aids/fast-car-travelling-safely-around-the-world/</p>

<i>Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Educational Activities</i>	Students assume the role “Chair of the Fed”, and the attempt to achieve full employment and low inflation.
	<p>Website: http://www.frbsf.org/education/activities/</p>
<i>Free Rice</i>	Great website that quizzes students knowledge on capitals and country locations throughout the world (be sure to click on the “subject” tab to redirect from the English section). For every correct answer, students can feed hungry people around the world through the World Food Programme.
	<p>Website: http://freerice.com/#/english-vocabulary/1447</p>
<i>Frozen Price Game</i>	This game demonstrates the advantages of price allocation over other methods.
	<p>Website: http://www.econoclass.com/frozen.html</p>
<i>Garbage Dreams</i>	The Zaballeen people of Cairo survive by collecting and recycling garbage. You must act as a member and build a recycling business. Can you be as eco-savvy?
	<p>Website: http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/garbage-dreams/game.html</p>
<i>Geography Genius: Flags of the World</i>	Learn more about the world as you guess countries based on flags, shapes, and statistics! Try your skill on one of three different difficulty levels!
	<p>Website: https://www.tigweb.org/games/flag/</p>
<i>The Globaloria Program</i>	Helps young people become the makers of interactive games and simulations, for their own personal and professional development and for the social and economic benefit of their communities.
	<p>Website: http://globaloria.com/</p>
<i>The Grub Teacher Toolkit</i>	New and exciting virtual classroom that looks at youth perspectives on food choices and food systems. The GRUB Teacher Toolkit features photographs and captions created by both rural and urban youth to encourage students to ask important questions about the food we eat, where it comes from, how we make our food choices, and how those choices affect our health.
	<p>Website: https://www.tigweb.org/games/grub/</p>

<i>Half the Sky Movement</i>	<p>The game is the first Facebook game with direct virtual to real-life translation; the tasks and issues portrayed in the game all have a real-world equivalent in donations and social action opportunities. Players will embark on a global journey which begins in India, and moves on to Kenya, Vietnam, and Afghanistan, ending in the U.S.</p> <p>Website: https://www.facebook.com/HalftheGame</p>
<i>Iced! I Can End Deportation</i>	<p>This 3D downloadable game, teaches players about the nature of U.S immigration policy. Game players have to live the day-to-day life of an immigrant teen. The teens are constantly being chased by immigration officers, while making moral/consequential decisions and answering myth & fact quizzes about current immigration policies.</p> <p>Website: http://www.ign.com/games/iced-i-can-end-deportation/web-954492</p>
<i>Icons Project: Simulations</i>	<p>Students can engage in learning by exploring simulations of global topics. Sample simulation topics include “Crisis in North Korea”, “Confronting Globalization”, “European Union”, and “Green Trade and the WTO.”</p> <p>Website: https://www.icons.umd.edu/education/catalog</p>
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<i>MDG Matters</i>	<p>Do you want to learn more about the MDGs in a fun way? Or do you think you already know everything there is to know about them? Then test your knowledge while playing our MDG Card Game!</p> <p>Website: https://www.tigweb.org/games/mdg/</p>
<i>The Orange Revolution</i>	<p>This grabbed the world's headlines in late 2004 and early 2005 as the results of the Ukrainian presidential election were contested by the leading candidates. Can you maintain order and peace, or will your decisions cause thousands of protestors to revolt?</p> <p>Website: https://www.tigweb.org/games/orange/</p>
<i>Playing 4 Peace Challenge</i>	<p>The fifth AMD Impact Challenge is run by the youth leaders of the Global Kids Playing 4 Keeps Program and is all about ending war. War plagues many people on our planet. While it is a popular topic for television, movies, and video games, many media don't push us to think about why war really begins, the cost of it for everyday people, or real strategies for ending it. That's what this challenge is about - use the power of games to help game players understand war ... so that they can help end it.</p> <p>Website: http://gamestarmechanic.com/challenges/about/p4peace</p>

<i>Stop Disasters</i>	<p>A disaster simulation game from the UN</p> <p><i>Website:</i> http://www.stopdisastersgame.org/en/home.html</p>
<i>Topography Games Are Difficult, But Fun!</i>	<p>Test your knowledge of topography here in one of our maps of the world games. Pinpoint the right country, city, state, river or mountain range on the map. Choose from maps of different parts of the world and improve your knowledge of them. Do you need an atlas, or can you do it by heart?</p> <p><i>Website:</i> http://games.co.za/search.html?s=topography</p>
<i>Urgent Evoke.com</i>	<p>Your mission is to practice your world-changing skills, right now, wherever you are. Every Wednesday at midnight, a new mission unlocks. Each mission has three objectives. LEARN - Investigate our great challenges and share what you discover. ACT - Get out in the world. Do something small to help solve a real problem. IMAGINE - Unleash your creativity. Tell a story about the future you want to make.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> http://www.urgentevoke.com/</p>
<i>US Government and Civics</i>	<p>16 games about US government and civics- Includes games for Bill of Rights, Branches of Power, Voting, Supreme Court, Law, Immigration, Money, Legislation, Running for President, etc .</p> <p><i>Website:</i> https://www.icivics.org/games</p>
<i>World Education Games</i>	<p>The World Education Games is the world’s largest free online education competition held every two years with medals and trophies included for winning students and schools.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> http://www.3plearning.com/worldeducationgames/</p>
<i>World without Oil</i>	<p>WORLD WITHOUT OIL is a serious game for the public good. WWO invited people from all walks of life to contribute “collective imagination” to confront a real-world issue: the risk our unbridled thirst for oil poses to our economy, climate and quality of life. We're no longer publishing links to in-game stories on the WWO site (unless they're really good). But everyone is welcome to sign up as a Netizen Hero and to participate in "WWO Lives," our ongoing blog about all matters WWO. We will definitely link to good in-game stories from the WWO Lives blog.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> http://writerguy.com/wwo/metaabout.htm</p>
<i>National Geographic Games</i>	<p>32 games featuring: Globalization, World Food, Animals, Ocean, Power, Climate, Engineering, GIS, planets, travel, Pearl Harbor, Salem Witch Trials, Underground Railroad, etc. All ages!</p> <p><i>Website:</i> http://education.nationalgeographic.com/media/geogames/</p>

