



**WCATY**  
**Wisconsin Center for**  
**Academically Talented Youth**  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

***Statement of Purpose:***

**In one essay, please respond to the following prompts. Use of organizational structure (headings, titles, etc.) is encouraged.**

- 1.** In one paragraph, please explain why you are interested in attending WCATY this year. What personal or academic goals can WCATY help you achieve?
- 2.** Choose one of the following prompts and answer the questions in two to three paragraphs:
  - a.** Tell us about a problem that you have solved or would like to solve. It can be anything you've determined to be a problem – a moral dilemma, new or continued research, an intellectual debate, or something different. Then, explain why it is significant to you and how did/would you solve the problem.

**OR**

- b.** Think of an experience, accomplishment, or new discovery that caused you to grow personally and develop a better understanding of yourself and/or the world around you. Share this event, why it is important to you, and the growth and understanding that has come as a result.

*There is no right or wrong answer to either question. We are looking for a clear, well thought-out essay that reflects your honest thoughts and ideas. The more we can use this essay to understand your personality, the better. Therefore, please feel free to be as creative and inventive as you would like.*