

# The MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION of AMERICA

## AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS



*Presented by The Akamai Foundation*



### INVITATION & PARTICIPATION –

A cordial invitation is extended to your school to take part in the AMC 10 (American Mathematics Contest 10) and the AMC 12 (American Mathematics Contest 12) to be held on TUESDAY, February 12, 2002 or WEDNESDAY, February 27, 2002. More than 387,000 students from over 5,200 schools participated in these contests in the year 2001. We truly hope that you will participate in this year's contests.

### Major Changes –

There will now be two official dates for the AMC 10 & AMC 12. Complementing the usual second Tuesday in February (February 12, 2002), will be an alternate AMC 10/12 Contest given two weeks later, Wednesday, February 27, 2002. All rules and awards apply to both contests for all schools and students. As a result of this change, we will no longer have the two unofficial "window" days after the official day for taking the contests. Students will be allowed to take the contest booklets home with them the day of the test. To register for the first date, February 12, please use **FORM A** (red form). To register for the second date, February 27, please use **FORM B** (blue form).

In 2002, the Akamai Foundation is providing scholarships for top scores on the AIME and a centralized USAMO event. See Section XIV and XV for exciting details.

The scoring on the AMC 10 and AMC 12 will change this year. A participant will still receive 6 points for each correct answer, but in 2002 each answer left blank will be worth 2.5 points. This provides a much wider score distribution.

## The Participation of the Akamai Foundation –

In early February 2001, just as the AMC 10 and AMC 12 were being given and the AIME 2001 was going to press, the Akamai Foundation of Boston made a large charitable gift to the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) on behalf of the American Mathematics Competitions. This large charitable gift will allow the MAA American Mathematics Competitions to fund several important new projects. [See Section XIV and XV inside for more details.](#)

The Akamai Foundation was established by Akamai Technologies, Inc. and initially has been funded by Akamai executives and its employees. Akamai Technologies helps companies by optimizing Web site performance, delivering broadcast-quality streaming media, and providing interactive application services. The Foundation chose to focus on mathematics because Akamai was conceived and founded on mathematical innovation.

The Akamai Foundation is dedicated to excellence in mathematics in the hopes that they can encourage America's next generation of technology innovators. Their mission is to reach out to students in grades K-12 with the message that mathematics is important, demonstrating to them that it can be magical and fun and in the process, helping them to realize that math can lead to some very exciting career opportunities.



The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed the AMC 10 and the AMC 12 on the [NASSP, National Advisory List of Contests & Activities](#) for 2001-2002.