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Search for Hidden Figures grand prize winner Yuna Shin

Henry M. Jackson High School 11th-grader creates winning video and takes home \$50,000



Yuna Shin is the high school grand prize winner of the [Search for Hidden Figures video contest](#).

Inspired by the movie *Hidden Figures*, PepsiCo and 21st Century Fox partnered to find the next generation of women who will lead the way in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics).



According to the [Search for Hidden Figures](#) website, “Our search invited real-life women and girls who had yet to be recognized for their great work or potential in STEM to share

their stories and compete for \$50,000 to put toward education or research, and more. From a total of 7,000 applicants, our judges selected two grand prize winners, one in a professional category and one from a current high school student.”

“My essay really emphasized being a woman in STEM,” Shin said. “It’s about breaking barriers in STEM because it’s not a common thing for a woman to be expected or acknowledged in the field.”

In January of last year, Shin was part of the [Jackson High School](#) design team that entered the *Verizon Innovative App Challenge* and was named [Best in State for their mobile app concept](#). Inspired by a friend with epilepsy, the JHS team of innovators created a cost-effective medical tool for the 1 million Americans diagnosed each year with a chronic brain disease.

Shin uses her creativity through STEM as a [Washington Aerospace Scholar](#) and instructor for [Girls Rock in Science and Math](#) to empower others. “It makes me feel like I’m doing something that is going to leave an impact for all these little girls to know that they can pursue STEM,” she said.

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