



Dear Connecticut Principal/Guidance Counselor:

As an educator, we know you are committed to helping your students excel so that they can realize their dreams for the future. Unfortunately, the rising cost of college can make this a daunting task for many families.

We are excited to announce that the CHET Dream Big! Competition will launch on May 29, 2021. There are a number of enhancements to the program, and **we're inviting all Connecticut students in grades K – 8 plus the high school graduating class of 2022 to enter.**

### **K – 8**

This year, the Dream Big! Competition will award more than \$250,000 in CHET account contributions, the largest amount ever. Students are being asked to answer the question “How have or will you help the community?” Entries can be in the form of an essay, drawing, poem, or video. A total of 477 students from around the state will each win a \$529 CHET account contribution.

### **High School**

New to the CHET Dream Big! Competition is a high school component (formerly the CHET Advance Scholarship). \$100,000 will be awarded to the class of 2022 with five students winning \$5,000 each and 75 students winning \$1,000 each. Students will need to provide information on their academic achievements, extracurricular activities, community service, and respond to the question, “What are your future goals to have a voice or leadership role in your own community?”

For program and entry details, visit [CHETDreamBig.com](http://CHETDreamBig.com).

Submission deadline: September 22, 2021

Cost: There is no cost to enter

Please share this information with your teachers as well as students and their families.

If you have any questions, email [CHETDreamBig@applyISTS.com](mailto:CHETDreamBig@applyISTS.com) or call 855-670-ISTS (4787).

Thank you in advance for your support,  
The CHET Dream Big! Competition Team

**The CHET Dream Big! Competition for K-8 Students is open to CT residents 18 years or older whose children are in grades K through 8, and the CHET Dream Big! Competition for High School Seniors is open to CT residents 18 years or older whose children are high school seniors (Class of 2022). Entries must be submitted between May 29, 2021 and 11:59 P.M. EDT on September 22, 2021. No purchase necessary. Void where prohibited. See Official Rules for Details.**