

Activity Plan

Open DOORS

to recognition



Open Doors helps adults connect students to simple next steps that can expand opportunity to AP®, college and career exploration, affording college, and recognition. The adult role is simple: Start one helpful conversation, point students to a trusted resource, and connect them to school support to keep the momentum going. Learn more at cb.org/OpenDoors.



Help a student understand National Recognition Program eligibility, celebrate the award, and connect to next steps.

3-step activity plan

	What the adult does	What the student does
1	Open with celebration, not pressure: "You may have qualified for a National Recognition Program award. Let's find out what that means and what comes next."	Bookmark the National Recognition Program website, and look up their current GPA and test scores to have them ready for the next step.
2	Review one National Recognition Program resource together. Discuss the eligibility criteria and benefits.	Determine which of the three community award categories best fits their background and experience.
3	Remind the student to submit their verification before the deadline.	Complete and submit the National Recognition Program verification form, ensuring all required information is included.

Students leave with:

A clear understanding of National Recognition Program eligibility + a bookmark of the website + a completed and submitted verification form, if eligible.

Resources



[National Recognition Program flyer](#)

A one-page overview for families and community members explaining what the program is, who qualifies, and what to do next.



[National Recognition Program website](#)

The official College Board page for the National Recognition Program, including eligibility categories, how to claim an award, and FAQs.



[National Recognition Program video](#)

Watch this video to learn how the program works, who's eligible, and what students can do to claim their award.

A NOTE FOR COUNSELORS

ASCA reference: B-SMS 1 (self-responsibility), M 5 (achieving high-quality outcomes).