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### ***Pittsburgh non-profit announces Luminari Award***

***Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*** -- The Pittsburgh-based non-profit organization Luminari announces the **Luminari Award**, an exciting merit-based scholarship for area students who will be in grades 7 through 11 during the 2011-2012 academic school year. Through the application process, Luminari will select *up to eight area schools* to participate in the award competition. Award winners from each school will receive a scholarship for an all-expenses-paid admission to Luminari's *I Want to be an Ambassador!* camp, a scholarship with a value of over \$1,200.

The *I Want to be an Ambassador!* camp will be held next summer from June 19 – June 27, 2012, marking the third time this camp will be offered in our region. It is a unique seven-day experience designed to teach young people the art and skills of diplomacy and ways to start using those skills immediately to solve problems in their communities and around the world. Camp includes an exciting week of activities both in Pittsburgh *and* in Washington, D.C., where campers interact with diplomats on Embassy Row.

“We have two goals for the Luminari Award. One is to reward students for their noteworthy personal and academic qualities,” said Luminari founder and President Hilda Pang Fu. “The second goal is to honor the dynamic schools and inspiring teachers who support these students.”

To qualify, schools must commit to opening the competition to all eligible students; and gather at least six successfully completed applications from students in their district. Luminari Award winners will be announced in mid-February 2012.

Ms. Pang Fu said, “We are looking for students who are motivated, open-minded, and willing to learn and be inspired by ‘*out-of-the-box*’ activities. Winners will attend the *I Want to be an Ambassador!* camp in June 2012. The camp is committed to young people coming together to discover ways to collaborate, build sustainable working relationships and become agents for positive change in our world.”

For complete information about the ***Luminari Award*** guidelines to participate, interested schools should contact Luminari no later than September 30, 2011. **Contact Jacqueline McWilliams at 412.877.1888 or at jaq.mcw@gmail.com. Visit Luminari on the web at [www.Luminari.org](http://www.Luminari.org).**

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#### ***About Luminari, Inc.***

LUMINARI, Inc., founded in 2009, is a Pittsburgh-based nonprofit organization founded to foster original activities that broaden minds, inspire innovations and promote community engagement. It is founded by a loyal Pittsburgher and experienced program builder, advised by “luminari” from a wide variety of fields and implemented by talented instructors and guest presenters. With the successful launch of its first two programs and growing support from the funding community, *Luminari* is poised to grow. *Luminari* believes the Pittsburgh region will become an even more prosperous, vibrant and culturally enriched home to its citizens – and environment that nurtures innovative initiatives in the scientific, entrepreneurial, educational and artistic fields. For more information on *Luminari*, please call 412.877.1888 or visit [www.Luminari.org](http://www.Luminari.org).