



A collaboration of AAUW, Coe College, and Grant Wood AEA

Your daughter is invited to register for the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual *Open Minds, Open Doors* STEM+ conference!

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is Open Minds, Open Doors?**

*Open Minds, Open Doors is a conference for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls intended to encourage girls to pursue future career fields with foundations in science, technology, engineering and math.*

### **When and where will Open Minds, Open Doors 2018 be held?**

*Open Minds, Open Doors will be held on Thursday, October 11th, at Coe College in Cedar Rapids.*

### **How are girls selected to register for Open Minds, Open Doors?**

*There are no eligibility requirements to register for the conference. All ability levels are welcome and diversity is encouraged. Each school has their own system for recruiting girls to attend. Please talk to your school counselor. Regardless, it is important to note that spaces are limited and registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. A limited number of girls may register per school.*

### **How do we register our daughter?**

*Complete the 2018 Student Registration Form and return with your payment to your daughter's school/teacher. The final section of the form "Workshop Selection" can be completed either at home or with her teacher upon returning the form to school. Again, spaces are limited and registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis.*

### **How much does it cost to attend?**

*The registration fee is \$14.00. All students will receive a morning snack, lunch, and a t-shirt.*

### **How many workshops can my daughter attend?**

*Each girl will be assigned to 2 workshop sessions. The list of workshops will be available online on September 1 at <http://bit.ly/gwaeaaopenmindsopendoorsconference>*

### **Can girls be assigned to the same session as a friend?**

*Girls are assigned to sessions in the order that registrations are received. We do not take special requests.*

### **When will my daughter know which workshops she has been assigned?**

*When girls arrive on conference day, a folder of materials (including an individualized schedule and a campus map) will be provided to each girl. There will be directional signage and volunteers available to answer questions and to guide girls toward specific workshop and room locations.*

### **How will my daughter get to the conference?**

*Schools generally provide round-trip bus transportation for girls attending the conference. Please confirm with your school.*

### **What if my daughter's school does not know about the conference?**

*Share our website with your school principal, counselor or teacher! All participants must register through a school or homeschool program. We do not accept individual registrations at this time. <http://bit.ly/gwaeaaopenmindsopendoorsconference>*

### **Who sponsors Open Minds, Open Doors?**

*Open Minds, Open Doors is a joint initiative of the local chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Coe College and Grant Wood Area Education Agency.*

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