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Maggie Feng

Dear Maggie,

I am pleased to inform you that you have qualified as a team member for the 2011 World Youth Championship in the Girls Under 12 section. Should you accept this invitation, you will have the opportunity to compete as a member of an elite team of players and coaches who will represent the United States in Caldas Novas-Goiias, Brazil, November 17-27, 2011. Though the USCF is unable to help with expenses, we will work closely with you throughout the registration process and beyond. As one of the top rated players in your age group in the United States, you can be proud of the results of your hard work. You are certainly to be congratulated for this milestone in your life.

While this tournament will require time away from the classroom, the experience of foreign travel and interaction with students in such a unique setting make this a wonderful educational opportunity. As a parent and a teacher, I have seen firsthand the impact that these experiences have on the lives of students. I hope you receive, like so many of the other players going to this event, the community support and financial assistance needed for such a trip. I also hope that your school and community take advantage of having an ambassador of goodwill in Brazil and use the event to educate those who remain in the US and follow the tournament online.

Such support will not only help the players, but will demonstrate to students in chess programs all over the country that we really do value their minds! Imagine the impact on our country by a generation of youth who have the critical thinking skills that this chess team represents. The example set by your school and community will be appreciated by the 84,000+ members of the USCF and the thousands more students, teachers and families connected with scholastic chess across the country.

Again, congratulations!

Sincerely,



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