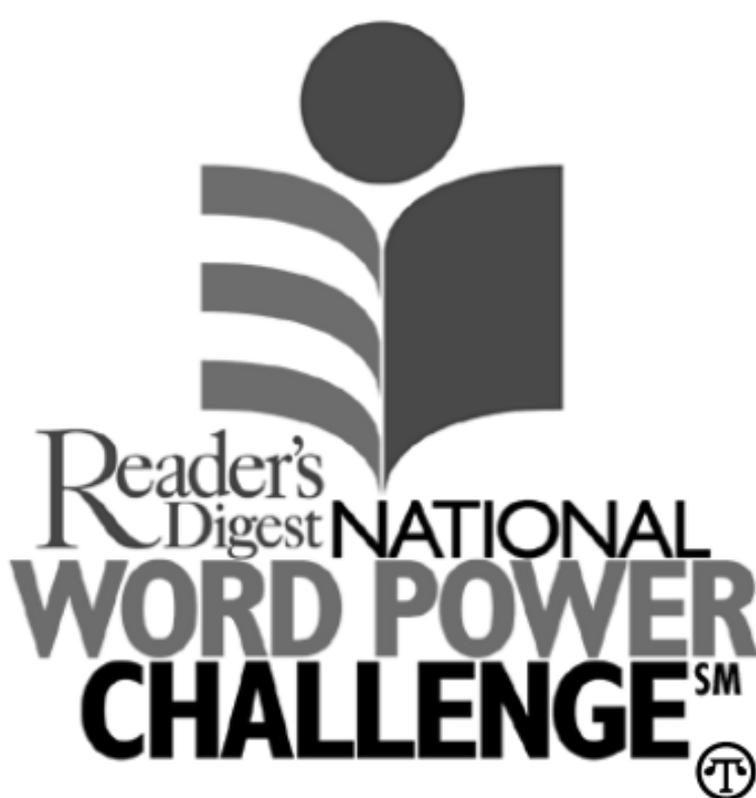


CONTEST CORNER

(NAPSA)—Now it really pays to increase your word power. Scholarships and other prizes will be awarded to students who do well in a vocabulary contest.

The competition, based on the popular Word Power section of *Reader's Digest* magazine, involves a school-wide vocabulary contest for students in grades 4 to 8 in public and private schools nationwide and home-schooled students. School winners take a written qualifying test. The top 100 winners compete statewide and the state winners vie for the national title.



Parents and teachers around the country will be having a word with their students as they enter a challenging but fun vocabulary contest.

Actually, every participant can be considered a winner. According to researchers, by sharpening vocabulary skills, students gain control over school subjects, workplace issues and the world of ideas in general. IQ test scores, school grades and job status are frequently linked to vocabulary size.

Registration for the 2002-2003 academic year begins in March '02. For information about the contest and how to enter, see www.nwpc.rd.com or www.qsp.com or call, toll free, 866-523-6388.