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Over 1,700 Kids Participating in ANA's Coins For A's Program

For five years the American Numismatic Association has offered a program to young, budding numismatists called Coins for A's. The program encourages students from kindergarten to high school to achieve 3 A's during their marking period in return for a free coin and a one-year digital membership to the American Numismatic Association (ANA).

Today, there are more than 1,700 kids participating, working to achieve A's in their classes. Students from virtually every state—Ohio, Texas, Virginia, Georgia and Colorado being big contributors—are taking part to earn their coins.

"About a quarter of the children who participate are home-schooled," said Rod Gillis, ANA education director. "The ANA is very proud of our commitment to home schoolers."

The ANA digital membership provided to program participants includes access to the online version of the monthly hobby magazine, The Numismatist.

Kids interested in taking part in Coins for A's should send a copy of their most recent report card to:

Rod Gillis, Education Director
American Numismatic Association
818 N. Cascade Ave.
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Or email your report card to rgillis@money.org.

Other programs from the ANA to support young collectors are:

- The Dollar Project—Four activities created for ANA members 12 and under to explore why coin collecting is such an interesting hobby.
- Ancient Coin Project—A way for young numismatists to learn about and earn ancient coins. Participants must be age 17 or younger and a member of the ANA. Ancient coins can be earned through different projects like giving a presentation, building an exhibit, publishing a numismatic article, volunteering at a coin show and more.
- Early American Copper Coin Project—Allows ANA members age 17 and younger to earn awards such as early American large cents, half cents, reference books, or supplies by being active in the coin-collecting hobby, writing articles or school reports,

doing a presentation for school or Scouts, exhibiting, completing correspondence for Summer Seminar courses or doing other interesting, fun projects.

- Young collectors can sharpen their coin collecting skills and numismatic knowledge with a host of interactive games online at www.money.org/young-numismatists.
- Scholarships are awarded annually to young collectors looking to attend Summer Seminar, a week-long learning opportunity that offers students a varied selection of courses designed for discovery or continued study. Applicants must be a full time student and an ANA member age 13 to 17.

For more information about the Coins for A's program or any of the other young collector programs offered by the ANA, contact Rod Gillis at rgillis@money.org or call at (719) 482-9845.

The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered, nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging the study and collection of coins and related items. The ANA helps its 25,000 members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of educational and outreach programs as well as its museum, library, publications, and conventions. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit www.money.org.