

## **Abby Marshall's Autobiography**

I became a National Master in 2009. I learned how to play chess in kindergarten at Indianola Alternative Elementary School in Columbus, Ohio, from my coach Mark Morss. I won the seventh grade national championship in 2004 and the eleventh grade national championship in 2008. I am also the two-time winner of the Polgar Invitational for Girls in 2005 and 2006. In 2009, I won the Virginia High School State Championship. Later that year, I won the Denker Tournament of High School Champions. I was the first girl to win this tournament. I also twice represented the United States at the Youth World Championships in Antalya, Turkey in 2007 and 2009. I was part of the U.S. team that went to Beijing, China in 2008 to play in the World Mind Sports Games.

Right now I coach the chess team at Haldane Elementary School in Cold Spring, NY. Our team is preparing to go to the national championships in Dallas, Texas, in April 2019.