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**SEMIFINALISTS IN THE 2027
NATIONAL MERIT® SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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Note to editors: Semifinalists in your state are listed alphabetically by city and high school following this press release.

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Caution: Using numbers of Semifinalists to compare high schools, educational systems, or states will result in erroneous conclusions. The National Merit® Scholarship Program honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. The program does not measure the quality or effectiveness of education within a school, system, or state. For more information about the competition, please visit www.nationalmerit.org.

Semifinalists in the 2027 National Merit® Scholarship Program

(Evanston, Illinois) Today officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®) announced the names of more than 16,000 Semifinalists in the 72nd annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for about 6,700 National Merit Scholarships worth approximately \$24 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 95 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by about 260 business organizations, higher education institutions, and individual donors that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

Steps in the 2027 Competition

Over 1.2 million juniors in about 20,000 high schools entered the 2027 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2025 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

To become a Finalist, the Semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about the Semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. A Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT® or ACT® scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test.

From over 16,000 Semifinalists, more than 15,000 are expected to advance to the Finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation. All National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from this group of Finalists. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.

National Merit Scholarships

Three types of National Merit Scholarships will be offered in the spring of 2027. Every Finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit® \$2500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state-representational basis. About 700 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards will be provided by approximately 120 corporations and business organizations for Finalists who meet their specified criteria, such as children of the grantor's employees or residents of communities where sponsor plants or offices are located. In addition, about 140 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 3,500 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2027 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join over 395,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

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Semifinalists: 2027 National Merit Scholarship Program

INDIANA

AVON

AVON H. S.
Desai, Jay M.
Hanes, Dylan M.
Humphrey, Amelia A.
Hunter, Maxwell C.
Kippenbrock, Logan M.
Mohamed, Laith A.
Neal, Ellis B.
Ott, Leland A.
Schenk, Isaac J.
Sutter, Isaiah N.

BATESVILLE

BATESVILLE H. S.
Aylor, Viktor

BLOOMINGTON

BLOOMINGTON H. S. NORTH
Cartledge, Daniel D.
Cohen, Gabriel W.
Eads, Penelope L.
Kim, Aiden
Li, Ryan
Monras-Pickard, Simone
Singleton, Albie O.

BLOOMINGTON H. S. SOUTH

Arnold, Eve M.
Beshkar, Nikki B.
Chen, Emaline
Choi, Edward J.
Doades, Ethan S.
Kieu, Bach L.
Liao, William J.
Liu, Jiping
Robinson, Margaret L.
Shroyer, Odin D.
Zhou, Yucelin X.

BLUFFTON

BLUFFTON H. S.
Spencer, Gabriel

BROOKVILLE

EAST CENTRAL H. S.
Foster, Taylor

BROWNSBURG

BROWNSBURG H. S.
Clayton, Alexander
Maturana, Raul
Padgett, Lucas
Weidner, Noah

CARMEL

CARMEL H. S.
Abdo, Layla T.
Addepallé, Ananya S.
An, Emma Y.
Annangudi, Charan S.
Chaudhary, Advik
Chen, Edward
Chen, Katelyn Y.
Choi, Luke
Chouturi, Venkata K.
Clemens, Matthew J.
DeLillo, Ian K.
Derksen, Jonathan H.
Dong, Neo
Du, Michelle W.
Erraguntala, Vishnu Dev
Faisal, Rifaya Z.
Feng, Shawn S.
Fu, Valerie R.
Fu, Wenlan
Gleva, Jacob S.
Homs, Keenan
Hulsey, Caroline M.
Isaac, Benjamin C.
Jachnik, Audrey S.
Jois, Akhil B.
Kent, Carson
Kim, Annabelle Y.

Lai, Emma W.
Li, Rebecca Y.
Lim, Seoyoung
Lu, Benjamin R.
Malherbe, Remy T.
Meng, Guangying
Mortha, Abhinav K.
Moser, Charlotte A.
Mu, Grant D.
Nagarathinam, Kaarthik
Purvis, Eleanor R.
Qiao, Draco
Qiu, Jasmine
Raipet, Drithi S.
Rajendran, Divya L.
Robinson, Amelia R.
Rozmaryn, Ellen V.
Sahu, Atharva
Shieh, Angelina X.
Sohail, Musfirah
Stevenson, Jack G.
Stock, Charles J.
Su, Zhancheng
Tan, Stephanie H.
Thind, Shawn S.
Tichindelean, Alexander
Tshililiwa, Themba S.
Vaddadi, Suvan V.
Varigonda, Rithvik
Wadawadigi, Shivani
Wang, Victor
Washburn, Allison L.
Xiu, Angela
Yang, Kyle
Yang, Ranie Y.
Yuan, Michael E.
Zhang, Ruihan M.
Zheng, Yi

UNIVERSITY H. S.
Bruns, Colin
Coutant, John
Deng, Ava
Feldman, Jack
Guttikonda, Sonali
Nargang, Maximilian
Salerno, Alessandro
Xu, Calvin

CHARLESTOWN

CHARLESTOWN H. S.
Sample, Drake

CLARKSVILLE

OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE H. S.
Rice, Isaac T.

COLUMBUS

COLUMBUS NORTH H. S.
McCauley, Seth
Wei, Brian
Zhong, Rendy

CONVERSE

OAK HILL H. S.
Pierce, Abigail I.

CRAWFORDSVILLE

CRAWFORDSVILLE H. S.
Yeung, Chang Kuai

CULVER

CULVER ACADEMIES
Huang, Xiaoyue
Lindow, Lucia
Sun, Yixuan
Turgut, Ella
Zhou, Yicheng

DELPHI

DELPHI COMMUNITY H. S.
Anslover, Allyssa M.

ELKHART

ELKHART H. S.
Brown, Jonah T.

ELLETTSVILLE

SEVEN OAKS CLASSICAL SCHOOL
Bollhorst, Makiyah L.

EVANSVILLE

REITZ MEMORIAL H. S.
Scordalakes, Eleni

SIGNATURE SCHOOL

Addo, Janelle
Chang, Kaden
Donea, Sebastian
Li, Alexander
Martin, Grant
Nair, Sreehari
Rogel, Aviva
Woodard, Elena

FISHERS

EMAN SCHOOLS
Alhaffar, Ayah
Khan, Mohammad M.

FISHERS H. S.

Burgoyne, Asher J.
Chapple, Cooper J.
Ganapaneni, Sashi R.
Jerrrell, Owen C.
Khan, Abeer
Olutayo, Abiola J.
Svilenov, Allison A.
Tennekoon, Seth M.
Wu, Ben Z.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN H. S.

Bezza, Thomas
Kenyon, Liam
Orris, Tyler
Pence, William
Shin, Hojin

FORT WAYNE

CANTERBURY SCHOOL
Garrott, Jackson
Hong, Ashley

CARROLL H. S.

Chen, Josephine
Ng, Edward

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN H. S.

Bahr, Katharina

HOMESTEAD H. S.

Biedenbach, Asher D.
Nowland, Eli G.
Peckinpough, Eli L.

BISHOP LUERS H. S.

Burnard, Rosemary

NORTH SIDE H. S.

Gunawardhana, Zen T.
Pommer, Noah J.

R. NELSON SNIDER H. S.

Minn, Kawi

FRENCH LICK

SPRINGS VALLEY H. S.
Bradley, Aiden C.

GREENWOOD

CENTER GROVE H. S.
Govindarajan, Vibha R.
Karyekar, Chinmay C.
Wang, Ryan P.

HIGHLAND

HIGHLAND H. S.
Techentin, Jon-Miguel S.

INDIANAPOLIS

BREBEUF JESUIT
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Relue, Edward

CATHEDRAL H. S.

Stayte, Annabelle L.
Walker-Back, Livia

FRANKLIN CENTRAL H. S.

Richards, Samantha

HERRON H. S.

Kinsey, Tristan
Madrazo, Ava

Swain, Sophia
White, Norah
Wyatt, Marley

LAWRENCE NORTH H. S.
Vannoy, Benjamin K.

NORTH CENTRAL H. S.

Burke, Ryan
Hamdouchi, Yasmeen
McKelvey, Supriya
Miller, Dominik
Rude, Thomas
Taylor, Solomon
Walker, Avery

PARK TUDOR SCHOOL

Ai, Derek
Brar, Navraj S.
Dahlie, Evan D.
Gasper, Dominic P.
Gollapudi, Oliver
Hembre, Soren M.
Krishnan, Keshav A.
Seifert, Sophie L.
Zaidi, Sameer

PERRY MERIDIAN H. S.

Buehler, Aiden J.
Fuhrmann, Carter W.
Sorensen, Anders D.

RONCALLI H. S.

Levine, Benedict

JASPER

JASPER H. S.
Bastien, Holden

KOKOMO

KOKOMO H. S.
Welch, Ian

LAFAYETTE

HOMESCHOOL / ONLINE SCHOOL
Hartzler, Nathanael

MC CUTCHEON H. S.

Rowe, David A.

LEOPOLD

PERRY CENTRAL H. S.
Lawalin, Elise

MADISON

MADISON CONSOLIDATED H. S.
Eaton, Silas D.

MARION

EASTBROOK H. S.
Ayano, Olamide

MIDDLEBURY

NORTHBRIDGE H. S.
Crawford, Braedan T.

MISHAWAKA

MARIAN H. S.
Dubash, Isaac

PENN H. S.

Cheng, Sonya
Ciliberti, Danielle R.
Doland, Rayna K.
Holmes, Michael J.
Johnson, Trey T.
Khan, Leena S.
Lehtomaki, Lee J.
Luebke, Alexis T.
Miles, Riley I.
Putman, Benedict J.
Schafer, Ethan T.
Scott, Anthony J.
Wagner, Leah M.
Warzon, Calvin A.
Zhang, Alice R.

MUNCIE

DELTA H. S.
Moss, Caden A.

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AND HUMANITIES
Kulkarni, Sanaa A.

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Indiana (continued)

Sachse, Alexander
Wang, Jennifer Z.

MUNSTER

MUNSTER H. S.
Huang, Kate Y.
Ivy, Marion T.
Knoche, Jason T.
Lin, Roy
Patel, Reeyen J.
Pitcher, Beatrissa C.
Punukollu, Saatvik
Vicari, James W.
Young, Carter K.

NAPPANEE

NORTHWOOD H. S.
Tompos, Zyker J.

NEW ALBANY

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF INDIANA
Pinckney, Meghan

NEWBURGH

CASTLE H. S.
Blackburn, Nathan R.
Jones, Miriam J.

NOBLESVILLE

NOBLESVILLE H. S.
Middleton, Lila B.

OXFORD

BENTON CENTRAL H. S.
Brown, Andrew
McKinnis, Matthew

PLAINFIELD

PLAINFIELD H. S.
Cheng, Yilei
Gramling, Sofia
Healy, Aiden
Shaw, Annabelle

PLYMOUTH

PLYMOUTH H. S.
King, Nathan

SALEM

SALEM H. S.
Snyder, Chloe E.

SELLERSBURG

SILVER CREEK H. S.
Em, Preston
Lim, Kiara

SEYMOUR

SEYMOUR H. S.
Canlas, Maria Isabelle B.
Holle, Leo B.
Stanfield, Kellan J.
Yee, Micah D.

SOUTH BEND

JOHN ADAMS H. S.
Ahn, Yoona
Diller, Luke

ST. JOSEPH H. S.
Bajuyo, Lia
Christensen, Theodore
Lutz, Catherine
Morin, John

TRINITY ACADEMY
Doran, James I.

ST. JOHN

LAKE CENTRAL H. S.
Magesh, Dhruva R.

TERRE HAUTE

TERRE HAUTE SOUTH VIGO H. S.
Hawkins, Philip
Rasley, Samuel

TOPEKA

WESTVIEW H. S.
Stump, Carver

VALPARAISO

VALPARAISO H. S.
Liu, Glori H.

WEST LAFAYETTE

HARRISON H. S.
Christiansen, Martin R.
Finnerty, Joseph S.
Pollard, Reed M.

WEST LAFAYETTE H. S.

Alucozai, Abdullah
Freeman, Isaac L.
Heryadi, Hafsa K.
Kean, Maximus E.
Kim, Tara R.
Rao, Mukund S.
Varma, Yashi H.
Zhang, Alisa
Zhu, JeFauna F.

WESTFIELD

WESTFIELD H. S.
Arun, Avyanth
Yoo, Doyun

YORKTOWN

YORKTOWN H. S.
Gesler, Maisie

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Tu, Joyce

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Bansal, Ansh
Bruggers, Allison
Bruggers, Benjamin
Cornell, Broderick
Jones, Connor
Kiell, Isaac
Knudsen, Andrew
Laboe, Jacob
Moosbrugger, Daniel
Mutti, Simar
Pande, Ishan
Richmond, Madelyn
Rosenfeld, Kieran