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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

OKLAHOMA

ARAPAHO

HOMESCHOOL / ONLINE SCHOOL
Carpenter, Cade

ARDMORE

PLAINVIEW H. S.
Robertson, Hap E.

BARTLESVILLE

BARTLESVILLE H. S.
Sreelatha Rajesh, Nidhi
Stamps, Sahara X.
Zhu, Andrew C.

BIXBY

BIXBY H. S.
Hanks, Elijah
Landreneau, Genevieve
Lang, Pierce
Strutton, Nathaniel
Widowski, Wyatt

BROKEN ARROW

BROKEN ARROW H. S.
Hearn, Heidi
Jennings, Kyra
Kifer, Kamryn
Lobsinger, Clairese
Nayyer, Ayat
Phillippe, Benjamin

CLAREMORE

CLAREMORE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Barr, Rylan
Gebhardt, Hannah

CLAREMORE H. S.
Schmidt, Beckett

EDMOND

DEER CREEK H. S.
Do, Olivia
Roberts, Bryson

EDMOND MEMORIAL H. S.

Bostwick, Makayla
Gilliland, Bridget
Hackett, Brady
Lyman, Ava
Madihally, Suvan
Peters, William
Washburn, Barak

EDMOND NORTH H. S.

Albarran, Liliana
Ambrose, Jennifer
Cheek, Sam
Ding, Bryan
Hinkle, Kamin
McNair, Elise
Monsalve, Monica
Phan, Ethan
Truong, Hung
Willoughby, Sydney

EDMOND SANTA FE H. S.

Fondjo, Cameron T.
Frankenfield, Tyler V.
Mattewada, Pari S.
Yu, Rachel

HOMESCHOOL / ONLINE SCHOOL

Harkins, Erin S.
Lack, Lucian B.

OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Tucker, Evan

JENKS

JENKS H. S.
Bhowmik, Moulik
Carroll, Emma J.
Deepak, Arjun
Hoover, Nicholas A.

Huang, Andy N.
Huang, Vincent X.
Scott, Baylee K.
Stackenwalt, Miles S.
Vemula, Sahas Reddy N.
Wainright, Serenity D.
Wang, Lawrence X.
Zhang, Mulan S.

KINGFISHER

KINGFISHER H. S.
Reherman, Savana J.

LAWTON

MAC ARTHUR H. S.
Henke, Saoirse B.

MOORE

MOORE H. S.
Chen, Jiaqi

SOUTHMOORE H. S.

Howle, Kaiden
Sasikumar, Sudhiksha
Vo, Landon
Whitley, Isaac

NORMAN

NORMAN H. S.
Dehadrai, Anika
Jayachand, Madhav
Kempf, William

NORMAN NORTH H. S.

Ali, Syed Rayyan
Bales, Eden
Bourne, Alexander
Dodge, Meredith
Emerson, Jocelyn
LeBlanc, Elijah
Moradi-Araghi, Isaac
Pence, Lydia
Reed-Vernon, Annika
Zhang, Yihan
Zhao, Sophia

OKEENE

OKEENE H. S.
Hursh, Bridger

OKLAHOMA CITY

ACADEMY OF CLASSICAL
CHRISTIAN STUDIES - MIDTOWN
Blackwell, James C.
Peterson, Margaret A.

CASADY SCHOOL

Ali, Moiz
FitzSimons, Charles
Hawkins, Alexander
Kim, Chloe
Kirt, Evan
Lowe, Robert
Razaq, Mishel
Thaduri, Sindhu
Yelahanka Raghavendr, Darshini

CLASSEN SCHOOL OF ADVANCED STUDIES

Kartik, Ishaan
Nguyen, Carson B.
Peryam, Charles A.
Vajjha, Sreekar B.
Veeraraghavan, Krishnan P.
West, Lucas H.

CROSSINGS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Asbury, Abigail
Michael, John
Reeves, Meacham
Wang, Hannah

EPIC ONE - ON - ONE

CHARTER SCHOOL
Brend, Aiden
Mackey, Joshua
Orleans, Maxwell

HARDING CHARTER
PREPARATORY H. S.
Hsu, Zoe J.

HERITAGE HALL SCHOOL

Albiek, Sophia N.
Dunn, Catherine E.
Edupuganti, Arhant
Hamadeh, Adam
Harris, Carter M.
Johnson, Ryan C.
Shouse, Avery

BISHOP MC GUINNESS H. S.

Bryan, Luke
Heinlen, Katherine
Humphries, William
Krodel, Mary
Lape, Baxter
Lemons, Wesley
Moody, Paul
Randolph, Kinley
Welch-Bell, Lucas

MOUNT ST. MARY CATHOLIC H. S.

Cook, Ainsley
Welch, Nicholas

OKLAHOMA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Adeosun, Godsfavour
Braddy, Elizabeth
Cai, Ethan
Duval, Conner
Gahlot, Mahi
Gao, Jiaze
Ji, Elina
Li, Joshua
Livingston, Jaxon
Palle, Kanishk
Ponnam, Nitya
Riley, Joel
Tran, Phillip
Vu, Andy
Wang, Tammy
Xie, Kelvin
Xiong, Philip
Zeigler, John
Zheng, Henry

SANTA FE PATHWAYS

MIDDLE COLLEGE
Fontanilla, Joseph M.

WESTMOORE H. S.

Nguyen, Chihieu

OWASSO

OWASSO H. S.
Crawford, Jackson C.
Vanbeber, Morris G.

REJOICE H. S.

Placencia, Nicolas

POTEAU

POTEAU H. S.
Claborn, Aries

PRYOR

PRYOR H. S.
Orcutt, Quincy

SHAWNEE

SHAWNEE H. S.
Albers, Kimberly
Dunn, Cooper
Newsom, Anthony

STILLWATER

HOMESCHOOL / ONLINE SCHOOL
Szabo, Jonathan

STILLWATER H. S.

Bhattacharya, Suhana
Diel, Gunnar
Taylor, Noah
Wilson, Wiley
Zhang, Audrey

TULSA

CASCIA HALL PREPARATORY
SCHOOL
Coulon, Matthew C.
Pettyjohn, Elizabeth Kate K.

HOLLAND HALL SCHOOL

Bergenroth, Emily R.
Bristow, Lyle J.
Jacob, Nigel K.
Shakeel, Bilal
Wilson, Chase R.

HOLY FAMILY CLASSICAL SCHOOL

Fugikawa, Isaac

HOMESCHOOL / ONLINE SCHOOL

Garringer, Ash
Loe, Genevieve
Thorpe, Olan

BISHOP KELLEY H. S.

Launchbaugh, Reese K.
Nguyen, Hannah Q.
Parks, Cade A.
Tanner, William D.
Wroblewski, Ella M.
Wroblewski, Jackson A.

LINCOLN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Nantz, Sophia

METRO CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Cox, Bryson
Downs, Lincoln

MINGO VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

O'Hara, Collin J.

PEACE ACADEMY

Muhammad, Zakariyya

REGENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Burdick, Caleb
Ebert, Maryanna
Emerson, Jude

RIVERFIELD COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

Uddin, Aiden

UNION H. S.

Escalera, Alejandro
Rahman, Aarya
Rajaperumal, Raghav

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON H. S.

Abdoveis, Luke J.
Attisha, Roman P.
Roberts, Theron J.
Whitlock, Isaac C.

WAGONER

WAGONER H. S.
Poindexter, Reese L.

WEATHERFORD

WEATHERFORD H. S.
Leonard, Ryder J.

YUKON

MUSTANG H. S.
Kimbrell, Jaidee
Lienou, Ronel

YUKON H. S.

Bach, Dung Q.
Fafunmi, John I.