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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

WISCONSIN

AMHERST

AMHERST H. S.
Brimhall, Andrew K.

APPLETON

APPLETON EAST H. S.
Lindsay, Andrew

APPLETON NORTH H. S.
Jia, Derek R.
Sakthikumar Lavanya, Jotishkumar
Williams, Charles H.

FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN H. S.
Wingerter, Asher M.
Ziesemer, Claire E.

BARNEVELD

BARNEVELD H. S.
Baryenbruch, Nolan

BONDUEL

BONDUEL H. S.
Keller, Dylan A.

BROOKFIELD

BROOKFIELD ACADEMY
Dagam, Sanjay
Maassen, Evelyn
Sharma, Reywa
Zhang, Luya

BROOKFIELD CENTRAL H. S.
Ali, Daniyal S.
Hou, Eric R.
Mardikar, Aaryaa A.
Mathur, Anvi
Rajpal, Vedanshi
Zhang, Siqi

BROOKFIELD EAST H. S.
Bagby, Jane E.
Balachandran, Hrishid Bala
Bartelme, Maxwell P.
Corley, Stephanie B.
Cornell, Charles J.
Kommana, Akshara
Lin, Matthew
Linton, Treasure K.
McManus, Tressa F.
Mei, Jenny H.
Miller, Elise R.
Sun, Lily
Veldhouse, Reuben
Wang, Tianyu

CEDAR GROVE

CEDAR GROVE - BELGIUM H. S.
Krause, Jack

DE FOREST

DE FOREST AREA H. S.
Schwertfeger, Gretta

DE PERE

DE PERE H. S.
Bauer, Eden

WEST DE PERE H. S.
Crandall, Max
Fochs, Paige

DELAFIELD

HOMESCHOOL / ONLINE SCHOOL
Schultz, Alexander

DELAVAN

DELAVAN DARIEN H. S.
Gould, Kaydence

EAU CLAIRE

EAU CLAIRE MEMORIAL H. S.
Carlson, Ann
Mangrum, Asher

HOMESCHOOL / ONLINE SCHOOL
Smith, Naomi

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN H. S.
Pfeiffer, Joshua

NORTH H. S.
Bielefeldt, Henrik

EVANSVILLE

EVANSVILLE H. S.
Millard, Mason B.

FOND DU LAC

FOND DU LAC H. S.
Pagel, Ethan M.

FORT ATKINSON

FORT ATKINSON H. S.
Guerra, Walid
Ojibway, Connor

FRANKLIN

FRANKLIN H. S.
Montgomery, Caitlin
Peddamallu, Rohan
Sajeeth, Ayaan
Tower, Henry

FREEDOM

FREEDOM H. S.
Springstroh, Luke S.

GERMANTOWN

GERMANTOWN H. S.
Herath, Janiru
Kazmierczak, Katherine
Kearl, Ivy
Schmidt, Josiah
Ticku, Jay
Wimalaratne, Sasindu
Zheng, Jimmy

GLENDALE

NICOLET H. S.
Berg, Zachary

GREEN BAY

ASHWAUBENON H. S.
McNicol, Thomas
Prathigudupu, Amrusha

BAY PORT H. S.
Bidari, Dhruv

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Weiss, Elijah

PREBLE H. S.
Maksimau, Sviatoslav

SOUTHWEST H. S.
Hansen, William
Valliere, William

GREENDALE

GREENDALE H. S.
Blask, Braden

MARTIN LUTHER H. S.
Henke, Joshua D.

HARTLAND

ARROWHEAD H. S.
Bebeau, Cole
Heinke, Michael
McGuire, Aubrey
Ratner, Elyn

HOLMEN

HOLMEN H. S.
Gamoke, Matthew G.
Wang, Isabel G.

HORTONVILLE

HORTONVILLE H. S.
Reinke, Boone S.

HUDSON

HUDSON H. S.
Durch, Joseph
Fenstermacher, Arden

JACKSON

KETTLE MORAIN LUTHERAN H. S.
Geiger, Isaiah

JANESVILLE

JOSEPH A. CRAIG H. S.
Chan, Tristan
Kohn, Marlon

KENOSHA

MARY D. BRADFORD H. S.
Didinsky, Kenley A.

INDIAN TRAIL H. S. AND ACADEMY
Mason, Ethan M.

TREMPER H. S.
Susmilch, Joshua

LA CROSSE

LOGAN H. S.
Pande, Rohan
Peck, Andre

LAKE MILLS

LAKE SIDE LUTHERAN H. S.
Schreiber, Elias A.

LODI

LODI H. S.
Walsh, James T.

MADISON

EAST H. S.
Erdman, Olivia
Hazen, David
Henderson, Kelsey
Seys, Lydia

EDGEWOOD H. S.

Adams, Isla
Cason, Colt
Gill, Thomas
Rist, Owen

VEL PHILLIPS MEMORIAL H. S.

Arianathan, Varnika
Jenkins, Flora
Ketchum, Paul
Kidarsa, Emma
Ma, Daniel
Schmitz, Julius
Sisauyhoat, Derek
Weix, Amalia

WEST H. S.

Bailey, Eli
Berard, James
Bernstein, Yonatan
Blum, Ayelet
Bolling, Jacob
Chang, Jiyeon
DeWald, Anja
Dunn, Owen
Foster, Hazel
Mullen, Kent
O'Connor, Eli
Poi, Alana
Richmond, Zachary
Schilling, Peter
Smead, Sophie
Steiner, Eleanor
Taft, Graham
Todd, Summit
Tokaji, Aria
Wautier, Augustus
Welham, Anne
Wickizer, Violet
Wilde, Gabriel
Zhou, Annika
Zhou, Sarina

MARSHFIELD

MARSHFIELD H. S.
Kanchireddy, Saket
Sulaiman, Athanasia
Winder, Kathryn

MAYVILLE

MAYVILLE H. S.
Schreiber, Daisy J.
Shirasaki-Krahn, Henry Y.

MC FARLAND

MC FARLAND H. S.
Blum, Austin M.

MENOMONEE FALLS

HOMESCHOOL / ONLINE SCHOOL
Nambisan, Ashok
Nambisan, Bharat

MEQUON

HOMESTEAD H. S.
Kotlyarsky, Cameron
Potts, Dylan

MIDDLETON

MIDDLETON H. S.
Anderson, Maxwell
Blust, Sisay E.
Chilukuri, Diya
Chumanov, Bradley
Drexler, Dresden
Eggert, Caleb
Hagen, Timothy
Jones, Anastasia
Jonnalagadda, Srivarenya
Kane, Evan
Kanne, Elizabeth
Lister, Brooke
Liu, Allan
Olson, Karina
Su, Angeli
Subramanian, Ananya
Von Bergen, Brooke
Wang, Andrew
Wang, Elizabeth
Wochos, Barrett

MILWAUKEE

DIVINE SAVIOR - HOLY
ANGELS H. S.
Brinks, Kaylee
Bustos, Yesenia

GOLDA MEIR SCHOOL
Martin, Henry

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY H. S.

Bartz, Gavin M.
Brunner, William
Daily, Michael F.
Johnson, Guy T.
Meier, Connor J.
Neumann, Isaac R.
Petrucchi, Thomas

SALAM H. S.
Abduljalil, Belal

UNIVERSITY SCHOOL

Chen, Grace X.
Cheng, Elina
Miller, John M.
Patel, Simrin M.
Raymond, Jake E.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN H. S.
Konop, Ruth

MINOCQUA

LAKE LAND UNION H. S.
Schmidt, Cameron

MONONA

MONONA GROVE H. S.
Gormley, James

MOUNT HOREB

MOUNT HOREB H. S.
Wright, Landon

MUKWONAGO

MUKWONAGO H. S.
Johnson, Erin

MUSKEGO

MUSKEGO H. S.
Luttman, Lillian G.

NEENAH

NEENAH H. S.
Goethel, Resa
Thomas, Rebekah

NEILLSVILLE

NEILLSVILLE H. S.
Luchterhand, Marcus

Semifinalists: 2027 National Merit Scholarship Program

Wisconsin (continued)

NEW BERLIN

EISENHOWER H. S.
Deo, Anvesha
Shahir, Kaavya

NEW BERLIN WEST H. S.
Caravella, Nicco

NEW GLARUS

NEW GLARUS H. S.
Rood, Emilia
Smith, Eli

NEW RICHMOND

NEW RICHMOND H. S.
Andre, Dylan

OCONOMOWOC

OCONOMOWOC H. S.
Richter, Dylan

OREGON

OREGON H. S.
Khalil, Jack
Palmer, Liam
Patel, Anish
Radel, James

OSHKOSH

OSHKOSH WEST H. S.
Behl, Angad
Bowers, Peyton

PEWAUKEE

PEWAUKEE H. S.
Beres, William R.
Hansen, Owen C.
Mohapatra, Devyanshu
Yatish, Ananya

PORT WASHINGTON

PORT WASHINGTON H. S.
Laurin, Benjamin
Price, Alexander

PORTAGE

PORTAGE H. S.
Matula, Morgan

PRAIRIE DU SAC

SAUK PRAIRIE H. S.
Clement, Aaron

SHEBOYGAN

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Doornbos, Ezra J.

SHOREWOOD

SHOREWOOD H. S.
Fortier, Dimitri
Harbeck, Lucian
Li, Omay
Miota, Tess

SLINGER

SLINGER H. S.
Gundrum, William S.

SPRING GREEN

RIVER VALLEY H. S.
Hollenberger, Quinn

STEVENS POINT

STEVENS POINT AREA H. S.
Thielman, Mitchell K.

SUN PRAIRIE

SUN PRAIRIE H. S.
Divney, Aaron T.

SUN PRAIRIE WEST H. S.
Weng, Kyle C.

SUSSEX

HAMILTON H. S.
Buch, Kollin
Frankovis, Dylan A.
Gautam, Shivansh
Patch, Eric Z.
Steephen, Paul
Vande Hei, Breckwyn

Vera Paez, Tobias S.
Walsh, Vivian R.
Wang, Patrick L.

TOMAH

TOMAH H. S.
Stryker, Joanna

VERONA

VERONA AREA H. S.
Agarwal, Anshika
Bentley, Josephine B.
Gardezi, Sana R.
Ngo, Megan A.
Nielsen, Liam B.

WATERTOWN

LUTHER PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Van Kampen, Ike

WAUKESHA

CATHOLIC MEMORIAL H. S.
D'Amour, Isabella

E ACHIEVE ACADEMY
Harkavy, Sarah C.

WAUKESHA SOUTH H. S.
Syverson, Ashton

WAUNAKEE

MADISON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL
Hicks, Nolan
Lancor, Benjamin

WAUNAKEE H. S.
Boldt, Henry D.
Jiang, Luke
Ni, Kobe F.

WAUWATOSA

WAUWATOSA WEST H. S.
Fanning, Rehkin

WEST BEND

WEST BEND EAST H. S.
Wolfe, Samuel J.

WESTON

D. C. EVEREST H. S.
Gates, Jonathan
Jelen, Alexander

WHITEFISH BAY

DOMINICAN H. S.
Garven, Lola

WHITEFISH BAY H. S.
Barnes, Derek
Ghaferi, Cameron
Li, Daniel
Wesley, Mia
Zhao, Joy

WISCONSIN RAPIDS

ASSUMPTION H. S.
Tritz, Gavin