

National Merit Scholarship Program

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. Every year, approximately 1.5 million students enter the competition by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT). Some 50,000 of these students, who have earned highest Selection Index scores, qualify for National Merit recognition as Commended Students.

Of those, about 16,000 students qualify as Semifinalists. Semifinalists are designated on a state representational basis, with Illinois being one of the most competitive states. These students need to meet further requirements to become Finalists. Semifinalists and finalists have the opportunity to earn scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

All winners of Merit Scholarship awards (Merit Scholar designees) are chosen from the Finalist group based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments. NMSC selectors evaluate the Finalist's academic record, information about the school's curricula and grading system, two sets of test scores, a written recommendation, information about the student's activities and leadership, and the Finalist's own essay.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program is an academic competition created to provide recognition for outstanding Black American high school students. It was established in 1964 and is also based on the PSAT/NMSQT. Of the 160,000 students who entered, 3,100 become Outstanding Participants Referred to Colleges. About 1,600 students are named Semifinalists. These students need to meet further requirements to become Finalists.

Many colleges and universities award school scholarships to individuals who have earned any of these levels of achievement.

2015

National Merit Finalists

Daniel Nielsen
Valerie Stenerson

National Achievement Finalists

Jacob Higgins
Justyn Higgins

Commended Scholars

Joshua Day
Kyle Minett
Mohammad Nizamuddin
Evan Pandya
Samuel Rude
Camille Sanchez
Emma Veitch
Victoria Wang

For more information, see:

<http://www.nationalmerit.org/nmsp.php> or <http://www.nationalmerit.org/nasp.php>

Auburn High School National Merit and National Achievement Recognition

Year	Merit Finalists	Merit Semifinalists	Merit Commended Scholars	Achievement Finalists	Achievement Semifinalists	Achievement Commended, Outstanding Participants
2015	2	2	9	2	2	<i>Pending</i>
2014	2	2	8	1	0	1
2013	2	0	4	0	0	0
2012	5	1	8	0	0	1
2011	4	0	6	0	0	1
2010	4	0	5	0	0	2
2009	5	0	6	0	2	0
2008	2	1	10	0	1	0
2007	1	0	13	1	2	1
2006	5	0	6	1	2	0
2005	3	1	12	0	0	0
2004	7	0	11	0	0	0
2003	7	1	13	1	1	0
2002	4	2	8	0	0	0
2001	9	0	6	0	1	0
2000	5	0	9	0	0	1
1999	4	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	1	3
1998	3	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	0
1997	6	3	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	1
1996	10	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	1
1995	9	2	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	0
1994	5	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	1	1
1993	16	2	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	3
1992	7	4	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	1
1991	4	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	1
1990	10	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	1
1989	4	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	0
1988	5	1	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	1
1987	4	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	0
1986	3	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	1
1985	4	1	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	0
1984	2	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	0
1982	1	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	0
1981	0	1	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	0
1979	0	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	1
1978	0	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	1
1977	0	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	1
1976	0	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	1	0
1975	0	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	1
1974	1	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	0
1967	3	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	0
1966	0	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	1	0
1965	3	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	0
1964	1	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	0
1963	2	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	0
1962	1	0	<i>Unavailable</i>	0	0	0

2014

Sarah Bliss	Merit Finalist
Calvin Filkin	Merit Semifinalist
Haseeb Haroon	Merit Finalist
Trevor Mulick	Merit Semifinalist
Precious Nwaoha	Achievement Finalist (Scholar)

(Scholar) - Recipient of a
National Merit scholarship.

2013

Jessica Beard	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
John Brekelbaum	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Nathan Krinickas	Merit Commended Student
Alexander Pandya	Merit Commended Student
Elizabeth Tollefson	Merit Commended Student
Lisa Wilken	Merit Commended Student

2012

Jacob Balogh	Merit Semifinalist
Winston Du	Merit Commended Student
Matthew Eighmy	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Samantha George	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Abid Haseeb	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Hannah Hoffmann	Merit Commended Student
Andrew Hudson	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Chantal Kahsay	Achievement Outstanding Participant
Paul Milius	Merit Commended Student
Tyler Mulick	Merit Commended Student
William Rodriguez	Merit Commended Student
Lloyd Sy	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Samuel Toppe	Merit Commended Student
Jissell Torres	Merit Commended Student
Forrest Wilsey	Merit Commended Student

2011

Hannah Cooper	Merit Commended Student
Jacqueline Gray	Achievement Outstanding Participant
Elena Johannsen	Merit Commended Student
Sarah Laken	Merit Commended Student
Ariana Munger	Merit Finalist
James Reyes	Merit Commended Student
Patrick Schiller	Merit Commended Student
Saad Sheikh	Merit Commended Student
Andrew Wang	Merit Finalist
Jeffrey Wang	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Madeleine Witt	Merit Finalist

2010

Zack Bannon	Merit Commended Student
Adam Cadmus	Merit Commended Student
Matthew Cotton	Achievement Outstanding Participant
Zahed Haseeb	Merit Finalist
Jaron Hite	Achievement Outstanding Participant
Mahalia Kahsay	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
John Lim	Merit Commended Student
Daniel Olson	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Elizabeth Phalen	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Dayne Rogers	Merit Finalist
Laura Tarraf	Merit Commended Student
Samuel White	Merit Commended Student

2009

Kelsey Campbell	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Chris Caputo	Merit Commended Student
Taylor Chuchna	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Kendell Coates	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
James Day	Merit Commended Student
Ian Douglass	Merit Commended Student
Collin Eckburg	Merit Commended Student
Zhenochuan Jiang	Merit Finalist
Bryce Johnson	Achievement Semifinalist
Danielle Long	Merit Commended Student
Tobias Odusanya	Achievement Semifinalist
Sivakumar Sundaram	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Anne-Marie White	Merit Commended Student

2008

Megan Baylor	Merit Commended Student
Brandon Boyd	Merit Commended Student
John Brown	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Nicole Carlson	Merit Commended Student
Tiffany Champion	Achievement Semifinalist
Nick Chuchna	Merit Commended Student
Jackie Deskovich	Merit Commended Student
Nicholas Hall	Merit Commended Student
Phil Johnson	Merit Commended Student
Rebecca Kamp	Merit Commended Student
Caitlin Kerr	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Sarah Smith	Merit Semifinalist
Jillian Torre	Merit Commended Student
Robert Westfall	Merit Commended Student

2007*

Jendaya Clark	Achievement Semifinalist
Thomas Harris	Achievement Semifinalist
Kaitlyn Meeks	Achievement Referred Student
Jeremy Tatar	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Jacquelyn Whitworth	Achievement Finalist (Scholar)

* Prior to 2008, National Merit did not archive Merit Commended Student names by high school, so those individual student names are unavailable.

2006

Meagan Appleman	Achievement Semifinalist
Josh Boykin	Achievement Semifinalist
Jessica Coats	Achievement Finalist
Tyler Kerr	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
April Lundberg	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Ross Makulec	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Colleen Powers	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Laura Wilson	Merit Finalist (Scholar)

2005

Kelly Rockwell	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Matthew Strong	Merit Semifinalist
Arthur Surratt	Merit Finalist
Shuo Zhang	Merit Finalist (Scholar)

2004

Laura Bland	Merit Finalist
Chad Casarotto	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Charles Full	Achievement Referred Student
Adam Heinemann	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Amanda Makulec	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Shani Schechter	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Karl Sturm	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Michael White	Merit Finalist

2003

Kelsey Beach	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Peter Brooks	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Vidhya Chandrasekaran	Merit Finalist
Osric Hitt	Achievement Semifinalist
Kareem Kandil	Merit Semifinalist
Rebecca Lundberg	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Tyler Meeks	Achievement Finalist (Scholar)
David Papke	Merit Finalist
Maxwell Parrish	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Ganesan Sundaram	Merit Finalist

2002

Nabeel Ahmed	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Christopher Baldwin	Merit Finalist
Samuel Castree	Merit Finalist
David Donchek	Merit Finalist
Aaron Everitt	Merit Semifinalist
Wendy Guler	Merit Semifinalist

2001

Gretchen Aleks	Merit Finalist
Rachel Beach	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Jennifer Botsford	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Anne Durako	Merit Finalist
Erin Hoople	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Matthew Krueger	Merit Finalist
Katherine Larson	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Max Rettig	Merit Finalist
Samantha Rollins	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Lewis Sims	Achievement Semifinalist

2000

Joshua Dent	Achievement Commended Student
Kathleen List	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Melissa McMahan	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Joanna Melville	Merit Finalist
Timothy Newton	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Elizabeth Panella	Merit Finalist

1999

Patrick Dunn	Merit Finalist
Sara Durako	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Ryan Kilgore	Achievement Commended Student
Jennifer Larson	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Shelby Latin	Achievement Commended Student
Emily Lauher	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Elizabeth Myles	Achievement Semifinalist
Anquetta Parham	Achievement Commended Student

1998

Michelle Boese	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Jill Habing	Merit Finalist
Elizabeth Nelson	Merit Finalist (Scholar)

1997

Linda Barr	Achievement Commended Student
Markus Bookland	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Noelle Brigham	Merit Semifinalist

Young Chung Ho	Merit Semifinalist
Derek Johnson	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Patrick Lauher	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Anantha Mallia	Merit Semifinalist
Rebecca Rettig	Merit Finalist
Alison Sweeney	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Lauren Weiss	Merit Finalist (Scholar)

1996

Jennifer Brady	Merit Finalist
Anders Floor	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Jason Gessner	Merit Finalist
Tory Keyzer	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Michael Kost	Merit Finalist
Kevin Patterson	Achievement Commended Student
Christina Peters	Merit Finalist
Lorie Rifkin	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Colleen Sauberlich	Merit Finalist
Andrea Tallacksen	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Shiow-Jiau Yung	Merit Finalist

1995

Brian Bauer	Merit Finalist
Marian Chen	Merit Finalist
Chad Englin	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
John Frana	Merit Finalist
Aaron Larson	Merit Semifinalist
Christopher Mueller	Merit Semifinalist
Suresh Potluri	Merit Finalist
Russell Radtke	Merit Finalist
Michael Reinhardt	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Daniel Scheurich	Merit Finalist
Judy Weiss	Merit Finalist

1994

Prashant Bhave	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Korry Keeker	Merit Finalist
Alvin King	Achievement Semifinalist
Elizabeth Merkel	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Erik Peterson	Merit Finalist
Samuel Taylor	Achievement Commended Student
Laura Wollstadt	Merit Finalist

1993

Elizabeth Abate	Merit Semifinalist
Laura Baker	Merit Finalist
Andrew Debruyne	Merit Finalist (Scholar)

Mitali Dutta	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Rachel Fair	Achievement Commended Student
Jeff Freeman	Merit Finalist
Joshua Gunn	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Erik Heinke	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Kristal Hines	Achievement Commended Student
Emily Hiser	Merit Finalist
Joshua Hunter	Merit Finalist
Ryan Lasalle	Merit Finalist
Christopher McKinley	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Jessica Peterson	Merit Finalist
Mark Peterson	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Rod Phasouk	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Scott Rifkin	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Ian Riley	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Ramondo Robey	Achievement Commended Student
David Simon	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Douglas Tallacksen	Merit Semifinalist

1992

Scott Arthur	Merit Finalist
Brandon Buzzell	Merit Finalist
Peter Czyzewski	Merit Semifinalist
Robert Dengler	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Clifford Dotson	Achievement Commended Student
Eliezer Flores	Merit Semifinalist
Jason Grothman	Merit Semifinalist
Kimberly King	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Jason Lewis	Merit Finalist
Heather Lippitt	Merit Finalist
Erik Lowe	Merit Semifinalist
Leslie Simon	Merit Finalist (Scholar)

1991

Wendy Aspling	Merit Finalist
Eric Ericson	Merit Finalist
Rebecca Heckman	Merit Finalist
Nathan Hoffmann	Merit Finalist
Tiffany Paschal	Achievement Commended Student

1990

Melissa Borrowman	Merit Finalist
Eric Conklin	Merit Finalist
Craig Hallstrom	Merit Finalist
Andrew Jones	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Kurt Koenigsberger	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
John Luhman	Merit Finalist (Scholar)

Jay Rifkin	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
David Sanders	Achievement Commended Student
Christina Sommer	Merit Finalist
Melissa Williams	Merit Finalist
Jill Young	Merit Finalist

1989

Jan Gjestvang	Merit Finalist
Michael Jeans	Merit Finalist
Doug Lindquist	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Diane McCarthy	Merit Finalist

1988

Julia Dillman	Merit Semifinalist
Brian Habing	Merit Finalist
Kristen Hoffmann	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Cory McLester	Merit Finalist
Amy Rovelstad	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Kevin Vaughn	Achievement Commended Student
Dawn Wetter	Merit Finalist (Scholar)

1987

Michael Elston	Merit Finalist
Rajul Pandya	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Rudolf Vedo	Merit Finalist
Peter Walhout	Merit Finalist (Scholar)

1986

David Clifton	Merit Finalist
Patrick Huey	Achievement Commended Student
Robert Schramer	Merit Finalist
Kevin Ziegler	Merit Finalist (Scholar)

1985

Erik Applegate	Merit Finalist
Jon Ferro	Merit Finalist
Joyce Jacobson	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Kelly Keegan	Merit Finalist
Stephen Mercer	Merit Semifinalist

1984

Heather Park	Merit Finalist (Scholar)
Chad Sandstrom	Merit Finalist

1982

Thomas Schiller	Merit Finalist
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1981	
Paul Gutowski	Merit Semifinalist
1979	
Jay Ware	Achievement Commended Student
1978	
Kevin Dismuke	Achievement Commended Student
1977	
George Rideout	Achievement Commended Student
1976	
Cassandra Reynolds	Achievement Semifinalist
1975	
Jeffrica Jenkins	Achievement Commended Student
1974	
John Appanaitis	Merit Finalist
1967	
Peggy Bouland	Merit Finalist
David Curtis	Merit Finalist
Gordon Lewis	Merit Finalist
1966	
Edsel Ammons	Achievement Semifinalist
1965	
Lynnell Canell	Merit Finalist
Margaret Fitzhom	Merit Finalist
Lyndon Hibbard	Merit Finalist
1964	
Lonn Myers	Merit Finalist
1963	
Steven Borchardt	Merit Finalist
David Foster	Merit Finalist
1962	
David St. John	Merit Finalist