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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

WASHINGTON

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

BAINBRIDGE H. S.
Baker, Ella

BATTLE GROUND

BATTLE GROUND H. S.
Neginhal, Anagh

BELLEVUE

BELLEVUE H. S.
Dzeravianska, Arseni
Lin, Tess
Liu, William
Saini, Dhruv
Saini, Tara
Wu, Zifang
Zhao, Harry

INTERLAKE H. S.

Aquino, Aiden
Bahl, Shrey
Black, Clark
Chub, Alexey
David, Sana
Dhiman, Madhav
Doshi, Sanya
Du, William
Duan, Jasper
Ghose, Aahan
Hao, Richard
Hirai, Soma
Lee, Ethan
Lee, Olivia
Lei, Allison
Lei, Sammy
Li, Oscar
Liang, Avery
Mantrala, Nikhil
Mukherjee, Jai
Pattipaka, Abhinav
Perera, Ishan
Rajesh, Sahana
Rao, Ilina
Rui, Ian
Shen, Yongen
Shi, Benjamin
Singh, Ritwik
Stevens, Imogen
Stokan, Gavin
Susa, Avik
Xu, Ruochen
Yao, Jason
Ye, Julia
Yoon, William
Yu, Alexander
Zhang, Christine
Zhang, Zhen
Zhao, Zihan
Zhou, Rick

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Zeng, Grace
Zhang, Yazhuo

NEWPORT H. S.

Chang, Ellen
Imasaki, Michelle
Kim, Michelle
Li, Grace
Liu, Chloe
Liu, Jianna
Lo, Ava
Qi, Sze Yuen
Song, Justin
Storment, Isaac
Tam, Bethany
Tang, Ryan
Wang, Daniel
Wang, Grace
Yeun, Gabin
Zhang, Daniel

BELLINGHAM

SEHOME H. S.
Li, Chelsea

Mao, Andrew
Simon, Ruby G.
Sutherland, Dean

BOTHELL

BOTHELL H. S.
Kemper, Finnian
Tatikonda, Nihanth

NORTH CREEK H. S.

Boddapati, Sacchit
Gupta, Jiya
Priya, Nishtha
Ramkumar, Sahana
Shukla, Manavi
Singh, Aditi
Wang, Ryan
Xiong, Doris

WOODINVILLE MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Weygandt, Andrew

CAMAS

CAMAS H. S.
Chaudhry, Adv S.
Ge, Caleb
Jiang, Emily
Preis, Grant
Sparling, Dana S.

UNION H. S.

McManus, Sonja
Mukherjee, Sohini

GIG HARBOR

GIG HARBOR H. S.
Siegel, Henry F.
Will, Anna

ISSAQUAH

ISSAQUAH H. S.
Lie, Kyla
Narayana, Rohan
Song, Michael
Yang, Olivia

KENMORE

INGLEMOOR H. S.
Choy, Nathan
Fang, Vera
Hwang, Jadie
Makarevich, Anastasia
Trummer, Kellen
Wang, Elsa
Zeng, Luke
Zhou, Hankang

KENT

KENTRIDGE H. S.
Dhami, Mehar K.

KIRKLAND

EASTSIDE PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Chen, Eva
Chen, Junhao
Cheng, Lexing
Lang, Alyson
Lin, Allison
Louden, Patrick
Madhusudhanan, Manaswini
Moon, Kaylin
Nister, Victoria K.
Sumner, Harrison
Turkarslan, Atalay
Yezbick, Arthur

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Keating, Macy
Yu, Grace

JUANITA H. S.

Abakumov, Taras
Bould, Finlay
Chen, Franklin
Luo, Brendon

Patankar, Vijay
Tao, Ruiyi
Zhu, Caroline

LAKE WASHINGTON H. S.

Chang, Tayla
Guan, Isabella
Jayaswal, Naina
Khanolkar, Karan
Song, Jay
Varangaonkar, Tanvi
Yadav, Ayaan

LONGVIEW

MARK MORRIS H. S.
Kosoris, Ethan

MERCER ISLAND

MERCER ISLAND H. S.
Austin, William B.
Brondstetter, Summer G.
Gallagher, Thomas B.
McMullan, Khai C.
Qadeer, Jibran J.
Song, Ina
Wang, Anna

NORTHWEST YESHIVA H. S.

Galili, Daniel

MILL CREEK

HENRY M. JACKSON H. S.
Park, Callia
Swanson, Madeleine
Webb, Alyssa

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE H. S.
Shim, Kyle

MUKILTEO

KAMIAK H. S.
Kwon, Caleb S.
Seok, JiYoon

OLYMPIA

OLYMPIA H. S.
Yanasak, Cosette A.

POULSBO

NORTH KITSAP H. S.
Mixer, Kathryn L.

PULLMAN

PULLMAN H. S.
Turneure, Miles

REDMOND

THE BEAR CREEK SCHOOL
Chen, Ashley J.
Kouzmine, Marie
Li, Amanda
Steinkraus, Kara L.
Zhang, Isabel
Zhao, Linda D.

THE OVERLAKE SCHOOL

Dunagan, Clementine
Hutton, Eliot
Li, Claire
Li, Derek
Li, Kean
Lu, Jeffrey
Malakapalli, Smaran
Mehrotra, Isha
Mishra, Kabeer
Naik, Atreya
Needamangala, Akshay
Stiles, Samantha
Tian, Sule
Xu, Isabel
Zhang, Xinran

REDMOND H. S.

Bialke, Beverly A.
Chakravarthi, Sidhanth
Chen, Stephanie Y.
Cheng, Nicole Z.
Kandula, Sri Sahasra
Karthikeyan, Aditi
Krothapalli, Akash
Li, Emma
Ma, Emily
Marcroft, Nova
Phan, Katie H.
Raghav, Anshul
Sagiraju, Anvitha G.

Samanta, Sarah
Su, Ella C.
Szlager, Aria K.
Xian, Fiona Z.
Zhou, Stephen

NIKOLA TESLA STEM H. S.

Bindlish, Jai
Gupta, Shaurya
Kaempfer, Isabel S.
Kaur, Preetika
Pisupati, Aashrith
Prajapati, Shipra
Purkayastha, Anindita
Rajagopal, Karthik K.
Ramsby, Ender M.
Saiz, Rowe D.
Santhosh, Shreya S.
Upasani, Anisha N.
Xie, Max D.
Yang, Leo
Zhang, Yilin

RENTON

LIBERTY H. S.
Chiu, Anna S.
Doshi, Shivali
Hoki, Sarah L.
Law, Seraphina F.
Poehlman-Kaufman, Connor
Vital, Mika A.
Wong, Hailey G.

RICHLAND

HANFORD H. S.
Bales, Charles G.
Rahman, Zayd A.
Wang, Aiden Y.
Xiong, Daniel W.

SAMMAMISH

EASTLAKE H. S.
Aniga, Brinda
Beckstead, Mason
Carroll, Daphne
Holzer, Liam
Lei, Sarah
Patterson, Ryan
Ramanujan, Maanya
Ranasingha, Ramiru
Talur, Prahalad
Tan, Luke
Toshniwal, Saket
Xie, Vivian

HOMESCHOOL / ONLINE SCHOOL

Srinivasan, Divya

SKYLINE H. S.

Agarwal, Ayush
Ajith, Alwin
Ankam, Kruthik
Banerjee, Reeti
Gunderman, Neva D.
Guo, Zhihan
He, Zihan
Huang, Emma J.
Jain, Videh
Jin, Beverly Y.
Jog, Rachana
Kearl, Brian P.
Lee, Kara S.
Liu, Austin Y.
Ma, Jasmine
Palmer, Lauren K.
Pan, Andy C.
Park, Samuel S.
Patil, Rohan S.
Penwala, Mustafa M.
Qiang, Felicia
Shang, Emily Z.
Shyam, Sidharth S.
Wang, Andrew
Wang, Andrew Y.
Yang, Isabella J.

SEATTLE

BALLARD H. S.
McKee, Ethan J.
Papineau, Audrey N.
Peters, Harper L.

THE BUSH SCHOOL

Checkal, Samuel
Foltz, Benjamin
Oh, Kate

Semifinalists: 2027 National Merit Scholarship Program

Washington (continued)

Saha, Nikhil
Welt, Sami

DOWNTOWN SCHOOL -
LAKESIDE SCHOOL
An, Jolie N.
Bieniosek, Kieran W.
Winner, Ozaren D.

HOLY NAMES ACADEMY
Levinson, Lila

INGRAHAM H. S.
Emmons, Caden C.
Whang, Audrey Y.

LAKESIDE SCHOOL
Aviles, Joshua
Bohacek, Sanchali A.
Burnett, Henry J.
Chung, Elliot K.
Desai, Aditya S.
Eksarevskiy, Albert A.
Fei, Maia L.
Freier, Zavier
Gajjal, Taimur
Hsieh, Joshua J.
Hsu-Kronman, Sabine L.
Hu, Julia X.
Huang, Shiwen
Jian, Ruihan
Kim, Emerson O.
Larhs, Remus D.
Li, Alison
Li, Emma S.
Liu, Brandon R.
Liu, Ziqi
Nelson, Sarah J.
Peng, Amber K.
Peng, Christopher B.
Reichek, Elias L.
Subherwal, Naina
Talwar, Zubin
Vora, Ishaan
Wang, Michael J.
Wang, William R.
Zhu, Sophia E.

LINCOLN H. S.
Alloway, Miriam S.
Bruce, Anthony J.
Brush, Grady R.
Duran, Henry A.
Halasz, Aya E.
He, Angela
Pressman, Idan E.
Pun, Avery T.
Pun, Zachery T.
Yang, Brian Y.

THE NORTHWEST SCHOOL
Raina, Aaditya

ROOSEVELT H. S.
Pages-Matrajt, Nayeli M.

SEATTLE ACADEMY
Gust, Thomas

SEATTLE PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Baptista-Allan, Mateo
Bassett, Edward
Chivers, Roman
Ingham, Roland

TRANSITION SCHOOL AND EARLY
ENTRANCE PROGRAM
Liao, Kyle
Peng, Brandon
Zhang, Brian

UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY
ACADEMY
Gruhl, Jordan C.
Lu, Joyce B.
Parikh, Dev S.

SEQUIM

SEQUIM H. S.
Anderson, Lillian M.

SPOKANE

LEWIS AND CLARK H. S.
Patil, Avisha
Waldo, Cimarron
Wang, Sabrina

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL
Simmons, Dexter

SPOKANE VALLEY

OAKS CLASSICAL
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
Schultz, Benjamin B.

TACOMA

BELLARMINE PREPARATORY
SCHOOL
Deng, Andrew
Saalfeld, Luke

CHARLES WRIGHT ACADEMY
Moorehead, Brooke

TUKWILA

RAISBECK AVIATION H. S.
Bjordahl, Kai

UNIVERSITY PLACE

CURTIS H. S.
Bosh, Adahlia

VANCOUVER

COLUMBIA RIVER H. S.
Mulholland, Evan

MOUNTAIN VIEW H. S.
Hong, Sophia

VASHON

VASHON ISLAND H. S.
Tomlinson, Gwendolyn X.

WHITE SALMON

COLUMBIA H. S.
Daly, Anders R.

WINTHROP

LIBERTY BELL H. S.
Burt, Alida E.
Kiefer, William F.

WOODINVILLE

WOODINVILLE H. S.
Kim, Aiden
Lopez, Tim
Pengelly, Savannah

YAKIMA

WEST VALLEY H. S.
Raj, Nathan