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**SEMIFINALISTS IN THE 2023
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 2023 National Merit® Scholarship Program

(Evanston, Illinois) Today officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®) announced the names of over 16,000 Semifinalists in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,250 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 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 approximately 340 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

Steps in the 2023 Competition

High school juniors entered the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2021 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 2023. Every Finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit[®] \$2500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state-representational basis. About 950 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards will be provided by approximately 180 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 160 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 3,800 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2023 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join nearly 368,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

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Semifinalists: 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program

ARKANSAS

ARKADELPHIA

ARKADELPHIA H. S.
451 Clardy, Calvin R.

BEEBE

BEEBE H. S.
999 McMullen, Brady A.

BENTON

BENTON H. S.
000 Armstrong, Elizabeth P.
161 Calaway, Morgan R.
678 Fogleman, Abigail E.
550 Francis, Blair E.
999 Tucker, Trevor J.

BENTONVILLE

ARKANSAS CONNECTIONS
ACADEMY
999 Biddle, Zephi A.

BENTONVILLE H. S.
000 Bingham, Douglas M.
000 Clark, Sriidean C.
000 Deans, Kaitlin E.
000 Gupta, Aniket
000 Holscher, Alton J.
000 Kudapa, Sindhuja L.
000 Leekkala, Anish R.
000 Mahajan, Aryan
000 Miller, Brett J.
000 Pearce, Katherine G.
000 Ratheesh, Rohith
000 Rice, Wyatt E.
000 Schaefer, Morgan L.
000 Sommer, Lola K.
000 Tadiparthi, Akshaj
000 Taori, Muskan S.
000 Vasireddy, Dinesh T.

FOUNDERS CLASSICAL ACADEMY
553 Looney, Elise C.

HAAS HALL ACADEMY
000 Allipilli, Eekshita T.
467 Alvarado, Chase A.
999 Eraniyan, Ahilan
454 Palagiri, Farheen
160 Puvvada, Sriya V.

HOMESCHOOL
843 Sooter, John S.

BLYTHEVILLE

KIPP BLYTHEVILLE
COLLEGIATE H. S.
161 Mittal, Sameer

BOONEVILLE

BOONEVILLE H. S.
999 Deltedesco, Lucas A.

BRYANT

BRYANT H. S.
000 Fuhrman, Garrett A.
161 Rohant, Deeya T.

CABOT

CABOT H. S.
907 Childs, Alexis M.
999 Madar, Carly E.
160 Martin, Emma G.
450 Ringgold, Robert K.
000 Thurman, Nathan

CENTERTON

BENTONVILLE WEST H. S.
000 Jackson, Lauren N.
301 Khalil Ahamed, Farah F.
453 Macy, Elisabeth G.

LIFE WAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
451 Fowler, Asa R.

CONWAY

CONWAY CHRISTIAN H. S.
467 Geaney, Joseph

CONWAY H. S.
792 Boudrie, Ella G.
185 Crockett, Bryan T.
999 Hill, Hugh J.
160 Jimenez, Antonio J.
160 Schluterman, Emily C.

EL DORADO

EL DORADO H. S.
164 Obiozo, Kieran C.
430 Stipp-Bethune, John R.

FAYETTEVILLE

FAYETTEVILLE H. S.
000 Barraza Del-Barco, Salvador
000 Caston, Cameron B.
000 Chen, Alan
000 Di, Karen A.
000 Dresel, Kenja L.
000 Fu, Le J.
000 Fuson Kennedy, Thomas
160 Hennigan, Sofia G.
000 Jacobus, Benjamin B.
000 McMath, Nathan C.
999 Park, Maren G.
854 Patel, Taksh Y.
710 Petrone, Jennifer C.
162 Raich, Irene Y.
000 Robinson, Lillian L.
742 Schremmer, Huck W.

HAAS HALL ACADEMY
301 Bodishbaugh, Jacob A.
185 Cashman, Leena
000 Mathis, Melody R.
303 Prabhudesai, Sohan S.
520 Waggoner, Natalie K.
628 Willroth, Hannah A.
742 Wu, Philip X.

FORT SMITH

SOUTHSIDE H. S.
628 Flanders, Myles P.
000 Jackson, Lucas M.
628 Khan, Eshal Z.
185 Miller, Jackson G.
000 Nguyen, Tu M.
000 Rana, Zain J.
160 Rotaru, David

GREENWOOD

GREENWOOD H. S.
501 Ambriz, David
454 Williams, Lilly M.
467 Wittig, Lucas B.

HARRISON

HARRISON H. S. CONVERSION
CHARTER SCHOOL
160 Myers, Rylee G.

HOT SPRINGS

ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR
MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES AND
THE ARTS
999 Adamos, Eliana M.
303 Boerwinkle, Robert F.
999 Cooper, Mason H.
162 Duey, Savanna L.
000 Helms, Connor E.
000 Mitchell, Cecil
742 Xiong, Charis

FOUNTAIN LAKE H. S.
907 Wendel, Tristan C.

HOMESCHOOL
999 Wright, Sophia A.

LAKESIDE H. S.
000 Hollis, Benjamin L.

JONESBORO

THE ACADEMIES AT
JONESBORO H. S.
628 Dow, Connor
870 Rich, Kira A.

VALLEY VIEW H. S.
457 Wilson, Jackson C.

LITTLE ROCK

CATHOLIC H. S. FOR BOYS
907 Dillman, Andrew S.
999 Fraley, Owen C.
904 Walsh, Mason A.

CENTRAL H. S.
999 Ahmad, Adam
628 Doss, Jessica
000 Finkbeiner, Alison S.
000 Gao, Ann
720 Gong, Michelle
773 Liu, Aaron C.
628 Sathish Kumar, Jaiadhi
185 Sharma, Parag

E STEM HIGH CHARTER SCHOOL
000 Ellis, Sean P.

EPISCOPAL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

000 Cooley, Emma G.
000 Cooley, Jacob M.
000 Grumbles, Andrew T.
000 Mogbo, Lotanna C.

LISA ACADEMY
742 Taylor, Harlem J.

LITTLE ROCK
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
185 Halbert, Adison
999 Molleston, Jenna

MOUNT ST. MARY ACADEMY
000 Dalton, Madeline Q.
000 Ratycz, Anya S.

PULASKI ACADEMY
000 Anca, Alex N.
999 Diaz, Joshua A.
999 Duke, Trevor R.
000 Ford, Jonathan B.
000 Hacıoglu, Aybars
454 Kuli, Charlotte R.
999 Parray, Mariam T.
883 Rollins, Maylee A.
451 Thomason, Allen C.

JOE T. ROBINSON H. S.
000 Ridlon, Annabelle E.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK

CENTRAL ARKANSAS
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
628 Bryant, Riley O.
000 Hekmatpour, Yasmine F.
000 Reaves, Sarah P.

LISA ACADEMY NORTH
459 Schroeder, Asher Cade

NORTH LITTLE ROCK H. S.
000 Larsen, Liam K.

PEARCY

LAKE HAMILTON H. S.
999 Barnes, Austin C.

ROGERS

ARKANSAS ARTS ACADEMY
947 White, Jackson W.

HAAS HALL ACADEMY
455 Bajaj, Parishee
000 Crawford, Hannah M.
600 Elliott, Eli S.
000 Pleiman, Andrew R.
619 Zamarron, Devlin P.

PROVIDENCE CLASSICAL
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
000 Roberts, Stephen B.

ROGERS H. S.
712 Beeman, Ella J.
000 Milam, Zane A.
000 Zheng, Charles T.

ROGERS HERITAGE H. S.
455 Harrison, Taryn E.

ROLAND

HOMESCHOOL
999 Giggelman, Alison K.

SEARCY

HARDING ACADEMY
843 Murphy, Julia M.

SEARCY H. S.
628 Sledge, Gaby E.

SHERWOOD

SYLVAN HILLS H. S.
742 Griffin, Daniel M.
628 Zermatten, Brooke

SPRINGDALE

HAAS HALL ACADEMY -
JONES CENTER
162 Waide, Cassidy J.

HAR - BER H. S.
999 Barnes, Sophia E.
450 Crockett, Christian Z.
904 Graham, Knox E.
303 Kingsbury, Nathaniel C.
999 McDonald, Maxwell
200 Myers, James P.
451 Paull, Evan C.
628 Peters, Lauryn C.

HOMESCHOOL
430 Cross, Kyla L.

OZARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY
000 Passantino, Mia

SHILOH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
999 Paschall, Sage D.

SPRINGDALE SCHOOL
OF INNOVATION
300 Wetzel, Eli

STAR CITY

STAR CITY H. S.
303 Chen, Tony

VALLEY SPRINGS

VALLEY SPRINGS H. S.
712 Hensley, Dason L.
459 Vail, Christopher L.