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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

MASSACHUSETTS

ACTON

ACTON - BOXBOROUGH
REGIONAL H. S.
Goel, Aadya
Han, Jaewook C.
Hemanth, Kevin C.
Powell, Justin N.
Sun, Hannah N.

ANDOVER

ANDOVER H. S.
Goyal, Maya
McGovern, Connor
Zheng, Tingyue

PHILLIPS ACADEMY

Cai, Ava
Dai, Brian
Elliott, Antonia
Kim, Abigail
Kotlarsky, Ellah
Kung, KaiTong
Nguyen, Bao Nghi Anh
Oh, Jonathan
Qi, Aimee
Sarkar, Satabhisha
Shu, Maggie
Soong, Madelyn
Tae, Katherine Hee-Yeon
Tavakoli, Niki
Thatcher, Gentry
Vaitsos, Argyrios
Walker, Mia
Wang, Ruihao
Zhang, Edward
Zhao, Caroline

ARLINGTON

ARLINGTON H. S.
Arachchi, Nella
Munoz Broder, Miquel Andres
Pajerowski, John

ASHBURNHAM

CUSHING ACADEMY
Lee, Dowon

ATTLEBORO

BISHOP FEEHAN H. S.
Davis, Benjamin

BEDFORD

BEDFORD H. S.
Chao, Adam
Zhu, Jason

BELLINGHAM

BELLINGHAM H. S.
Drake, Abigail E.

BELMONT

BELMONT H. S.
Albarbari, Omar
Chang, Evan
Chin, Noah
Cohen, Eva
Gupta, Aanya
Mann, Austin J.
Naseef, Amber
Orbanes, Leo
Rule, Isaac
Sahin, Tarik
Wong, Katherine
Yang, Evelyn
Yueh, Brianna

BELMONT HILL SCHOOL

Britt-Webb, Beckett
Roman, Dante
Steeves, Hunter

BOLTON

HOMESCHOOL / ONLINE SCHOOL
Iwamoto, Grant

BOSTON

BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL
Baldes, Elizabeth
Chen, Edwin
Knobel, Sophia
Pan, Raymond
Wong, Benson
Wong, Martin
Xue, Weian
Yu, William
Zhao, Alan

BOSTON UNIVERSITY ACADEMY

David, Daniel
Ji, Laetitia L.
Michael, Adam
Mou, Yuan
Ng, Shaun
Venkatesh, Isha
Vuolteenaho, Sonja

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BOSTON

Prager, Aaron
Saltman, Josef A.

CATHEDRAL H. S.

Woods, Timothy

COMMONWEALTH SCHOOL

Boyko, Alexander
Deykoon, Eleanor
Gangwani, Arushi
Hart, Isaac
Hentschel, Felix
Taylor, Carolyn

WINSOR SCHOOL

Chan, Sophie
Johnson, Alyna
Johnson, Riya
Li, Anne
Shao, Rutong
Yang, Shirley

BRAINTREE

BRAINTREE H. S.
O'Connell, Georgia L.

THAYER ACADEMY

Jones, Compton

BROOKLINE

BROOKLINE H. S.
Chow, Yuen May
Forman, Gabriel
Katsavounidis, Stefano T.
Kim, David S.
Koyfman, William I.
LeDuc, Jonathan C.
Levine, Henry T.
Rosen, Daniel
Shi, Anne Y.
Smith, Arik B.
Upadhyay, Ella
Young, Astrid C.

DEXTER SOUTHFIELD

Morton, Ryder

CAMBRIDGE

BUCKINGHAM BROWNE &
NICHOLS SCHOOL
Ge, Mirabel H.
Hu, Alexander
Lin, Kathy
Moon, David C.
Schrag, Ingrid A.
Stafford, Grace A.
Sun, Anjie
Tang, Amy
Wen, Albert
Xing, Lily
Zhang, Violet S.

CAMBRIDGE RINDGE AND

LATIN SCHOOL
Caravan, Jasper

Knippen, Filip
Kuzmick, Conrad
Pan, Angela
Wei, Evan
Winter-Barkai, Leah
Younger, Eleanor

CHESTNUT HILL

BEAVER COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL
Chiu, Kyle
Kaplan, Francesca

CHICOPEE

HAMPDEN CHARTER SCHOOL OF
SCIENCE - EAST
Akyuz, Zeynep
Chechyna, Tetiana

CONCORD

CONCORD - CARLISLE
REGIONAL H. S.
Clinard, Penelope R.
Li, Maggie H.
Nugent, Ben M.
Yang, Dongyi
Yang, Dylan R.

CONCORD ACADEMY

Chen, Evalyn Z.
Chen, Zhenxuan
Choy, Christopher
Feng, Yizhi
Kim, Lily
Li, Zijia
Liu, Rachel K.
Liu, Yubo
Lu, Congxiao
Shue, Olivia
Xu, James
Zhang, Chenhang Christopher

MIDDLESEX SCHOOL

Chan, Ming Ngai Linus

DANVERS

ST. JOHN'S PREPARATORY
SCHOOL
Asci, Thomas
Barry, Cormac

DEDHAM

NOBLE AND GREENOUGH SCHOOL
Case, Virginia
Chen, Emmett
Ding, Yiling
Fair, James
Grace, William
Keefe, Lucas
Klauber, Raphael
Leung, Jayden
Meng, Alexander
Palfrey, Andrew
Wei, Evan
Yin, Derek
Yoo, Christopher
Zhou, Alexa

DEERFIELD

DEERFIELD ACADEMY
Cole, Josh
Wang, Justin

DOVER

DOVER - SHERBORN H. S.
Bender, Jackson
Kolipara, Pranav
Liu, Stanley
Ng, Jayda
Wallen, Nicholas

EAST LONGMEADOW

EAST LONGMEADOW H. S.
Jordan, Finn

EASTHAMPTON

WILLISTON NORTHAMPTON
SCHOOL
Berrien, Reece

FALMOUTH

FALMOUTH ACADEMY
Forcier, Bradley

FOXBOROUGH

FOXBOROUGH H. S.
Akhtar, Ali

FRAMINGHAM

FRAMINGHAM H. S.
Singh, Amogh P.

GROTON

GROTON - DUNSTABLE
REGIONAL H. S.
Mandal, Trishuli

GROTON SCHOOL

Flynn, Aiden J.
Holland, Philip
Huai, Bo
Kwon, Alexandra S.
Mullins, Harriet B.

HADLEY

PIONEER VALLEY CHINESE
IMMERSION CHARTER SCHOOL
Zhang, Ray C.

HINGHAM

HINGHAM H. S.
Synnott, Nora

HOLDEN

WACHUSETT REGIONAL H. S.
Iannucci, Luke
Mills, Kelly

HOLLISTON

HOLLISTON H. S.
Avala, Yukti

HOPKINTON

HOPKINTON H. S.
Khiste, Aditi
Pachori, Rudra
Wu, Jacob

HYDE PARK

BOSTON TRINITY ACADEMY
Yang, Suri W.
Zhao, Ray

IPSWICH

IPSWICH H. S.
Flather, Colton

LAWRENCE

CENTRAL CATHOLIC H. S.
Tressler, Sarah

LEOMINSTER

LEOMINSTER H. S.
Patel, Alyssa V.

LEXINGTON

LEXINGTON H. S.
Ang, Tiffany X.
Battini, Siri N.
Bharadwaj, Shishir S.
Chen, Jackson L.
Cheng, Christopher R.
Danda, Rohan N.
Daphal, Rucha V.
Dasgupta, Arnab X.
Eriksson, Henry A.
Guo, Alice J.
Guo, Chelsea Z.
Hao, Marissa X.
Kao, Sophia H.
Kozlov, Gleb M.
Li, Isabella S.
Liu, Jonathan S.
Luharuka, Nyasa N.
Malhotra, Ashray N.
Miao, Kathleen Y.
Mysore, Parnika S.
Oliver, Atticus H.
Pudasaini, Aadi N.
Suh, Aiden M.
Urdan, Max P.
Volpe, Annabel P.
Xu, Mira Y.
Yu, Aaron Z.
Yu, Iris N.
Yung, Luke G.
Zhao, Edwin M.
Zheng, Charles Y.

MINUTEMAN REGIONAL H. S.

De Francesco, Rishi

Semifinalists: 2027 National Merit Scholarship Program

Massachusetts (continued)

LYNNFIELD

LYNNFIELD H. S.
Malenfant, Nathan E.
Pabla, Prabhsimar S.

MALDEN

MALDEN H. S.
Kazachenko, Anthony

MYSTIC VALLEY REGIONAL
CHARTER H. S.
Ricciardone, Angelina K.

MANCHESTER

MANCHESTER ESSEX
REGIONAL H. S.
Cummins, Tyler

MANSFIELD

MANSFIELD H. S.
Gaddam, Sujay Reddy

MARBLEHEAD

MARBLEHEAD H. S.
Roemer, Jesslyn

MARION

TABOR ACADEMY
Wu, Yufan

MARLBOROUGH

ADVANCED MATH AND SCIENCE
ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
Carroll, Declan A.
Gairola, Akshay R.

MEDFIELD

MEDFIELD H. S.
Sahr, Sara

MONTROSE SCHOOL
Maity, Aneesa
Nohrden, Genevieve

MEDFORD

MEDFORD VOCATIONAL
TECHNICAL H. S.
Charlton, Abigail
Ronni, Tuomas

MEDWAY

MEDWAY H. S.
Swaroop, Anand

MILTON

MILTON ACADEMY
Johnson, Adair
Kramer, Hugh
Sin, Sabrina
Wang, Celina
Yang, Meiran

MILTON H. S.
Gordon, Kevin

MOUNT HERMON

NORTHFIELD MOUNT
HERMON SCHOOL
Liu, Zehang
Zhang, David

NATICK

NATICK H. S.
Acharya, Adwait
Avitzur, Benjamin
Klau, Bernard
Lin, Taylor
Wong, Hailey

NEEDHAM

NEEDHAM H. S.
Brett-Fleegler, Lex
Krupat, Jack
Lee, Anderson
Scott, Liza
Yang, Emmy
Zeylikman, Ian

ST. SEBASTIAN'S SCHOOL
Koppenheffer, Rowan
Lynch, John
Marcucci, Anthony

NEWTON

NEWTON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL
OF THE SACRED HEART
Cunjak, Caitlin
Goodman, Anna

NEWTON CENTRE

NEWTON SOUTH H. S.
Astala, Linnea
Ding, Kenneth
Ha, Peter
Han, Emily
Killoran, Sophia
Mostaghimi, Leila
Munshi, Carl
Pang, Irene
Shrestha, Lukas
Subramanian, Adithya
Xiao, Benjamin
Xiong, Edison

NEWTONVILLE

NEWTON NORTH H. S.
Beckwith, Teo
Lee, Dayoung
Li, Gina
Li, Sophia
Mehrotra, Naveen
Su, William

NORTH ADAMS

DRURY H. S.
Bergeron, Alexander

NORTH EASTON

OLIVER AMES H. S.
Ma, Davina L.

NORTH QUINCY

NORTH QUINCY H. S.
Zhang, Brian

NORTHAMPTON

NORTHAMPTON H. S.
Ahtaridis, Leo
Wyman, Elliott

NORTHBOROUGH

ALGONQUIN REGIONAL H. S.
Cerrone, Harley
Mukherjee, Arjun
Wallace, Claire

PLYMOUTH

PLYMOUTH NORTH H. S.
Ohiwa, Chester

READING

READING MEMORIAL H. S.
Luo, Kevin
Paraguya, Isla

SCITUATE

SCITUATE H. S.
Mulder, Micah M.

SHARON

SHARON H. S.
Bhushan, Shriya
Guo, Zoe
He, Qina
Isaiah, Gong
Koster, Serena
Liu, Alexander
Vesset, Aaron

SHREWSBURY

SHREWSBURY H. S.
Cowlagi, Pradnya
Ghojaria, Hannah
Goluguri, Suhaas
Sarasam, Sanvi

ST. JOHN'S H. S.
Krolewski, Alexander S.

SOUTH HAMILTON

HAMILTON - WENHAM
REGIONAL H. S.
Pillai, Nikhita A.

SOUTHBOROUGH

ST. MARK'S SCHOOL
Lee, Isabelle

SUDBURY

LINCOLN - SUDBURY
REGIONAL H. S.
Delagrave, Aiden
Delagrave, Caleb
Frasca, Henry
McLure, Ira

SUTTON

SUTTON H. S.
Borowski, Samuel R.

WALTHAM

GANN ACADEMY -
THE NEW JEWISH H. S.
OF GREATER BOSTON
Lederman, Jessica

WELLESLEY

DANA HALL SCHOOL
Che, Sian
Huang, Kexin
Zhu, Muying

WELLESLEY H. S.

Allan, Oscar
Bayulgen, Dalya
Charoensiddhi, Kornkanya
Desviat Ruiz, Noah
Haspel, Jacob
Prentice, Ryan
Xu, Katherine
Yu, Lucy
Zhao, Grace

WEST ROXBURY

CATHOLIC MEMORIAL SCHOOL
Habermas, Charles

ROXBURY LATIN SCHOOL

Archerman, Eric
Chiang, Casey
Fortuin, Theodore
Hall, Flynn
Hu, Changyao
Plante, Andrew

WEST SPRINGFIELD

WEST SPRINGFIELD H. S.
Murdzia, Isabella

WESTBOROUGH

WESTBOROUGH H. S.
Vora, Arushi

WESTFORD

WESTFORD ACADEMY
Bhattacharyya, Aarshia
Gummidi, Daiwik
Huang, Leo
Li, Austin
Whitmore, Kitria
Whitmore, Perry

WESTMINSTER

HOMESCHOOL / ONLINE SCHOOL
Gregory, Mary

WESTON

WESTON H. S.
Andrasco, Riley-Kate
Jackson, Gwendolyn
Jacobson, Sawyer
Mu, Eric
Rosenfeld, Benjamin
Yao, Bradley
Yu, Jinxuan
Zhan, Yaqi
Zhu, Jay

WESTWOOD

WESTWOOD H. S.
Jiang, Benjamin
Wu, Isabel

XAVIERIAN BROTHERS H. S.
Blood, Peter

WINCHESTER

WINCHESTER H. S.
Bastien, Abigail E.
Chamberlain, Elizabeth A.
Faust, Theodore M.
Gohel, Brynne A.
Jin, Daniel Z.
Lin, Charlotte B.

Ouyang, Yihai
Vemireddy, Jay
Wang, Alan X.
Wu, Daniel T.
Yuhan, Ashley E.
Zheng, Maggie M.

WORCESTER

MASSACHUSETTS ACADEMY OF
MATH AND SCIENCE
Agarwal, Naaisha
Darawcheh, Donya
Gandhi, Rishi
Ghosh, Aishani
Joshi, Atharv
Karapakula, Parnitha
Palit, Jasmine
Prabhudesai, Arnav
Seetha Raman, Abhiruph
Venkayala, Sanvi
Xu, Chenghao
Yan, Richard