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**SEMIFINALISTS IN THE 2022  
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](http://www.nationalmerit.org).*

**Semifinalists in the 2022 National Merit® Scholarship Program**

(Evanston, Illinois) Today officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®) announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 67<sup>th</sup> annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$30 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 400 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 2022 Competition**

High school juniors entered the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2020 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 the approximately 16,000 Semifinalists, about 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 2022. Every Finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit® \$2500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state-representational basis. About 1,000 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards will be provided by approximately 220 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 180 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 4,000 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2022 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join more than 362,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

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# Semifinalists: 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program

## ARKANSAS

### ARKADELPHIA

ARKADELPHIA H. S.  
302 Phillips, Colin F.

### BENTON

BENTON H. S.  
999 Dudley, Emma L.  
920 Morris, Joseph T.

### BENTONVILLE

BENTONVILLE H. S.  
000 Asif, Abdullah  
000 Balathandayuthapani, Shivabalan  
000 Bhatia, Tejasv  
454 Chriss, Ethan G.  
000 Clifford, Emory J.  
000 Esarte, Nicholas D.  
000 Fox, Savannah M.  
000 Magnabosco, Luke W.  
000 Parise, Saahas  
000 Phillips, John M.  
000 Pisciotta, Simon D.  
000 Saravanan, Aiswarya P.  
000 Sreekumar, Adwaith  
209 Sristy, Tarak  
000 Thumma, Rachael B.  
000 Wilson, Harry L.

### HAAS HALL ACADEMY

906 Corbin, Halen W.  
311 Harr, Jacob A.  
000 Kizilos, Alexander A.  
000 Sankaran, Medhansh A.  
162 Sharif, Haleena

### BRYANT

BRYANT H. S.  
000 Garcia, Aaron D.  
000 Parker, Emma B.

### CABOT

CABOT H. S.  
628 Hardister, Robert L.  
999 Hodges, Preston M.  
950 Pifer, Noah A.

### CENTERTON

BENTONVILLE WEST H. S.  
000 Alvarado, Gabriel  
303 Batra, Karina  
000 Hobbs, Andrew D.  
000 Paul, Caden J.  
000 Sembrot, Josephine R.  
457 Thakre, Ishana

### CLARKSVILLE

CLARKSVILLE H. S.  
303 Engle, Joshua A.

### CONWAY

CONWAY H. S.  
254 Amy, Paxson S.  
000 Boone, Rebecca L.  
682 Fralick, Chase D.  
870 Marotte, Simon R.  
947 Murray, Cady G.  
000 Ulasewich, Rebekah I.

### DOVER

DOVER H. S.  
175 Kirshberger, Lainey R.

### EL DORADO

EL DORADO H. S.  
999 Reed, Grace K.

### FARMINGTON

FARMINGTON H. S.  
628 Sills, Weston A.  
999 Warren, Catherine L.

### FAYETTEVILLE

FAYETTEVILLE H. S.  
000 Eggleston, Fiona B.

000 Frisby, Cason H.  
451 Harp, Benjamin R.  
200 Jackson, Cole E.  
000 Lawless, Finnian L.  
000 Lobb, Jessica A.  
000 Long, Rosaria T.  
000 Maranto, Maya W.  
000 Schach, Charles H.  
000 Welcher, Luke T.  
000 Zhu, David J.

### HAAS HALL ACADEMY

161 Cashman, Savan A.  
600 McGill, Isabella L.  
999 Popp, Ian C.  
185 Stark, Samantha G.

### FORT SMITH

SOUTHSIDE H. S.  
950 Lightner, Jedidiah S.  
121 Paulus, Emma C.  
628 Samman, Leen

### GREENBRIER

GREENBRIER H. S.  
303 Lehman, Sydney P.  
907 McCool, Savannah C.

### GREENWOOD

GREENWOOD H. S.  
836 Rupert, Katherine M.

### HOT SPRINGS

ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR  
MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES AND  
THE ARTS  
628 Allred, McKenzie P.  
200 Bellis, Austin B.  
455 Chauhan, Soumya S.  
970 Hong, Autumn S.  
742 Jellenik, Isaiah M.  
791 Keith-Powell, Gweneth J.  
999 Smith, William L.

### JONESBORO

THE ACADEMIES AT  
JONESBORO H. S.  
628 Abdel-Karim, Salma I.

### VALLEY VIEW H. S.

170 Knight, Elise S.  
628 Morris, Coy R.

### LITTLE ROCK

CATHOLIC H. S. FOR BOYS  
000 Greenway, Chad M.  
185 Smith, Jackson C.

### CENTRAL H. S.

463 Alosebai, Zane A.  
628 Ayyadevara, Haarika V.  
000 Baker, Andrew C.  
999 Clark, Alden L.  
467 Collier-Tenison, Jacob T.  
161 Crisp, Madeline C.  
300 Fendley, Nathan A.  
742 Gadberry, Allison J.  
200 Gaddi, Aryan  
185 Gokarakonda, Yashwanth  
000 He, Amanda M.  
303 Horton, Avery  
900 Hout, Thomas J.  
303 Huh, Joanne  
300 Kanchanapally, Rishik R.  
628 Kawsar, Fardeen  
627 Khullar, Shreeva  
160 Li, Daniel X.  
303 Li, Jerry  
200 Liu, Richard Y.  
628 Mandali, Ragaamrutha  
999 Miller, Kenneth G.  
000 Padala, Akshay P.  
999 Reddy, Nithin R.  
999 Rhee, Joseph K.  
999 Shu, David  
870 Silzer, Robert  
000 Wenger, Louis I.  
559 Williams, Nora J.

### EPISCOPAL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

000 Fletcher, Alexander J.  
000 Kawatu, Muzala V.

### LITTLE ROCK

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
000 Douglass, Paul  
167 Minden, Mason  
000 Thompson, Emma K.  
999 White, William  
450 Wood, David

### MOUNT ST. MARY ACADEMY

000 England, Sydney L.

### PULASKI ACADEMY

999 Becker, Noah S.  
300 Byrd, Nathaniel C.  
999 Lowenthal, Rachel L.

### MAGNOLIA

MAGNOLIA H. S.  
000 Dai, Guangqian C.

### MAUMELLE

MAUMELLE H. S.  
600 Casto, Eva R.

### MOUNTAIN HOME

MOUNTAIN HOME H. S. -  
CAREER ACADEMIES  
160 Elkins, Emili A.  
999 Partney, Ben A.

### PARAGOULD

PARAGOULD H. S.  
000 Rodrigues, Ashton L.

### ROGERS

HAAS HALL ACADEMY  
628 Arunkumar, Meera  
302 Bounsavy, Winston D.  
162 Schwartz, Sarah J.

### PROVIDENCE CLASSICAL

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
162 Henley, Christopher N.  
450 Husong, Breck T.

### ROGERS H. S.

000 Bealey, Dylan  
000 Hudgins, James L.

### RUSSELLVILLE

HOMESCHOOL  
000 Stirtz, Margaret M.

### RUSSELLVILLE H. S.

000 Clark, Elijah J.

### SEARCY

HOMESCHOOL  
000 Linderman, Josiah S.

### SHERWOOD

HOMESCHOOL  
467 Wilson, Christian D.

### SYLVAN HILLS H. S.

467 Watson, Carter J.

### SPRINGDALE

HAR - BER H. S.  
000 Billingsley, Brady C.  
627 McAllister, Preston R.  
000 Seiter, Noah J.

### SPRINGDALE SCHOOL

OF INNOVATION  
000 Kellar, Lucas A.

### VAN BUREN

VAN BUREN H. S.  
300 Cantrell, Benjamin D.