



**SEMIFINALISTS IN THE 2009
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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Semifinalists Named in the 2009 National Merit® Scholarship Program

(Evanston, Illinois) Today officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 54th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 National Merit® Scholarships, worth more than \$35 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 90 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 Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 500 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 Competition

More than 1.5 million juniors in over 21,000 high schools entered the 2009 National Merit Program by taking the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT[®]), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, which represents 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, a Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the high school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. The Semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's self-descriptive essay and information about the Semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Approximately 15,000 Semifinalists are expected to advance to the Finalist level and it is from this group that all National Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen. 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.

Merit Scholarship Awards

Three types of National Merit Scholarship awards will be offered in the spring of 2009. Every Finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit \$2500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state representational basis. About 1,100 corporate-sponsored scholarships will be provided by some 300 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, approximately 200 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 4,600 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2009 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join more than 259,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

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Semifinalists: 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program

VIRGINIA

ABINGDON

ABINGDON H. S.
743 Roberts, Amanda N.

ALEXANDRIA

THOMAS A. EDISON H. S.
169 Lambertson, Katherine F.

BISHOP IRETON H. S.
250 Conron, Emily B.

THOMAS JEFFERSON H. S. FOR
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

161 Adams, Spencer T.
628 Agrawal, Prashasti
870 Aman, Zachary Y.
163 Anand, Pavithra
742 Anders, Brett J.
999 Applegate, Sarah R.
999 Aravind, Arthi
950 Arditti, Adrienne E.
164 Au, Alex Z.
450 Bansal, Varun
303 Beacham, Christopher E.
999 Bettge, Thomas D.
457 Bomgardner, Eric J.
902 Brooks, Ranya H.
773 Casto, Kevin P.
450 Chang, Michael
628 Choo, Jonathan D.
999 Clamons, Samuel E.
901 Claytor, Blaire A.
900 Coddington, Nathaniel D.
120 Cohn, Rebecca E.
723 Cooper, Vivian K.
999 Corey, Rebecca L.
771 Czaplowski, William L.
450 de Mars, Spencer L.
904 Dreo, Maximilian G.
303 Eng, Michael S.
628 Evans, Brett C.
774 Ferraren, Kathleen J.
999 Fielding, Rebecca A.
459 Freedman, Mason C.
450 Ghosh, Rahee
999 Goswami, Rukmini
303 Greer, Zachary R.
628 Gupta, Brinda
830 Gutman-Solo, Theo S.
999 Hahm, Joshua S.
843 Hallett, Jared D.
170 Hanger, Jacob F.
870 Hoffman, Zoe A.
160 Holohan, Daniel R.
710 Hong, Soonwook
628 Hookey, Glen C.
462 Howard, Michael I.
720 Howerton, Lara A.
200 Hsiang, Lily L.
455 Hu, Blair H.
168 Hu, Ting-Yu
450 Huang, Ellen C.
162 Im, Peter
628 Iyengar, Rishi
164 Jang, Han E.
720 Kavjian, Sharon C.
628 Khan, Niaz Z.
167 Kim, Alexander M.
450 Kim, David
602 Kim, Ginny C.
628 Kim, Hee-Sung S.
628 Kim, Jin-Ah
628 Kim, Min Jung S.
712 Kim, Noah J.
214 Kim, Seung-Hyuck
160 Kramer, Jordan J.
455 Kuprenas, Michael A.
907 Kye, Peter
561 Lagerfeld, Elizabeth I.
999 Lattin, Joseph
303 Le, Peter A.
522 Lee, Joshua
830 Lee, Joy E.
742 Lee, Kee Young
559 Lee, Susan

559 Lewis, Ashley L.
400 Lin, Xiaoxiao
161 Liu, Jessica F.
870 Lubsen, Natalie E.
999 Malik, Sumit
303 Mannion, James P.
553 Markwalter, Kyle S.
999 Martin, Nicholas H.
628 McAuliffe, Jacob D.
723 McCallister, Carolyn L.
600 McLaughlin, Katherine A.
502 Metge, Jed V.
907 Mills, Curtis A.
450 Minshew, William T.
164 Moon, Wooyoung M.
999 Morrison, Karen E.
555 Mowery, Monica A.
160 Muldoon, Joseph J.
209 Nam, Jong H.
170 Neitzke, Katherine M.
628 Nguyen, Christopher H.
999 Nguyen, Kristin
450 Noone, Francis P.
843 Olund, Christopher T.
121 Pang, Brian M.
200 Pang, Lisa J.
162 Pelham-Webb, Barbara W.
999 Pell, Samuel E.
999 Pierson, Emma J.
170 Prestwood, Jackson L.
999 Ramish, David S.
209 Regalbuto, Joseph T.
948 Renfro, Zoe L.
773 Rodriguez, Andrew M.
770 Ruth, Alexandra R.
450 Ryals, Nicholas
553 Ryan, Kathleen M.
160 Saha, Debjani
303 Sahai, Amar S.
450 Sanders, Michael S.
946 Schneider, Rutger E.
459 Schwab, Cynthia L.
870 Seid, Sarah E.
628 Sharma, Hirsh
000 Sharp, Samantha
999 Silverman, Alexa M.
161 Srinivasan, Divya
303 Starr, Nicholas R.
417 Stewart, Jeanmarie
303 Sufitchi, Filip
459 Tallapragada, Narendra P.
200 Tener, Andrew
163 Thiagarajan, Arvind
999 Tubergen, Brian J.
454 Ungerleider, Jessica L.
830 Urbach, Elana K.
164 Vernon, Gregory C.
833 Vinayak, Pooja G.
790 Waller, Lillian K.
303 Wallin, Christina A.
164 Walsh, John W.
450 Wang, Justin
459 Warchall, Julian A.
999 Wei, Maya V.
833 White, Harry D.
999 Whittle, Madeline C.
160 Wu, David
600 Xu, Joseph
454 Xu, Qihui
450 Xu, Yangbo
200 Zettler, Katherine A.

ST. STEPHEN'S AND
ST. AGNES SCHOOL
836 Oxford, Emma R.

WEST POTOMAC H. S.
907 Cooper, Jackson H.

T. C. WILLIAMS H. S.
550 Noll, Sarah E.

ANNANDALE

ANNANDALE H. S.
700 Kynes, Cason H.

ARLINGTON

BISHOP O'CONNELL H. S.
999 Neyland, Brendan T.

WAKEFIELD H. S.
906 Bull, Leslie
520 Silberman, Magdalen A.

YORKTOWN H. S.

999 Carroll, Emily A.
630 Cooper, Robert J.
561 Hauptman, Megan M.
628 Hunt, Stephanie D.
955 White, Phoebe M.
999 Wilson, John W.
700 Young, Eric W.

ASHBURN

BRIAR WOODS H. S.
630 Itchkawich, Mariko A.
451 Rothacker, Benjamin A.

BROAD RUN H. S.

742 Bobbitt, Robert E.
720 Pruett, Ashley M.

STONE BRIDGE H. S.

999 Hiatt, Hanna E.

BEALETON

LIBERTY H. S.
772 Peyton, Daniel P.

BEAVERDAM

HOME SCHOOL
000 Shealy, Jacob

BLACKSBURG

BLACKSBURG H. S.
450 Dingus, Christopher F.
950 Ritchie, James S.
999 Salehi, Kia L.

BLUEMONT

HOME SCHOOL
550 Peacock, Cari N.

BURKE

LAKE BRADDOCK
SECONDARY SCHOOL
906 Choi, Myong
710 Kwag, Minseung
950 Tanner, Alexandra
906 Weidinger, John C.

CHANTILLY

CHANTILLY H. S.
742 Germain, Sarah S.
204 Krishnamoorthy, Bharath
907 Lee, Hye Young

WESTFIELD H. S.

628 Hu, Kevin
907 Lewis, Amanda B.
300 Marsh, Robert D.
200 Nelms, Taylor K.

CHARLOTTESVILLE

ALBEMARLE H. S.
450 Elder, John F.
999 Fan, Roger
450 Hill, Cameron K.
630 Moshnikova, Valentina S.
999 Pugh, Amy L.
303 Schwartz, Ariel L.
907 Suhler, Caitlyn M.
450 Townsend, Duncan C.
000 Troyer, June A.
559 Truwit, Matthew E.

CHARLOTTESVILLE H. S.

742 Anderson, John T.
742 Bailey, Samuel M.
870 Bills, Kendall J.
160 Chelliah, Indu R.
303 Chelliah, Nikhil
907 Gulotta, Anthony M.
254 Nelson, Bergen E.
550 Thomson-Deveaux, Flora C.
550 Young, Daniel W.

HOME SCHOOL

450 Pors, Nathan E.

MONTICELLO H. S.

999 Downs, Katherine K.
722 Fernandez, Patricia A.

454 Lander, Stephen C.
455 Pianta, Timothy M.

ST. ANNE'S - BELFIELD SCHOOL
943 Kramer, Alexander L.

TANDEM FRIENDS SCHOOL
999 Balestrieri, Fiona A.

CHATHAM

CHATHAM HALL SCHOOL
906 Burns, Kathleen A.

CHESAPEAKE

HICKORY H. S.
943 Norton, Paul H.

OSCAR FROMMEL SMITH H. S.
556 Stuart, John E.

WESTERN BRANCH H. S.
455 Craven, Forrest J.
628 De La Rosa, Kathryn M.

COVINGTON

ALLEGHANY H. S.
740 Anderson, Nathan P.

CROZET

WESTERN ALBEMARLE H. S.
520 Barnes, Caroline S.
999 Dugan, Joshua E.
700 Hexter, Elizabeth M.
628 Moody, Joanna C.
522 Rivkin, Samantha J.
467 Swank, Wesley S.
450 Wenger, Whitney N.

FAIRFAX

JAMES W. ROBINSON
SECONDARY SCHOOL
628 Ferrell, Emily M.
474 Levonian, David S.

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

920 Baker, Michael D.
712 Jackson, Esther F.
700 Renner, Scott W.

W. T. WOODSON H. S.

254 Day, Isaiah
628 Kim, Jiho
999 Kuchler, Kevin D.
000 Martins, Hannah K.
164 Nguyen, Adam
120 Stewart, Christina I.
628 Waltrip, Victoria L.
720 Yohai, Alexander J.

FALLS CHURCH

GEORGE C. MARSHALL H. S.
218 Blomme, Carlyle A.
121 Harris, Brittany J.
254 Levine, Jessica J.

GEORGE MASON H. S.

742 Cashin, Jack E.
455 Cunningham, William J.

TRINITY SCHOOL AT

MEADOW VIEW
946 Katcher, Matthew M.

FISHERSVILLE

WILSON MEMORIAL H. S.
559 McDorman, Sharon A.

FREDERICKSBURG

JAMES MONROE H. S.
628 Clemo, Rebecca F.
450 Hwang, Chuhern

GREAT FALLS

HOME SCHOOL
700 Gumbinner, Katrina M.

HAMPTON

HOME SCHOOL
160 Knight, John
950 Knight, Rachel K.

HEATHSVILLE

NORTHUMBERLAND H. S.
161 Hedberg, Ruth

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Virginia (continued)

HERNDON

HERNDON H. S.
463 Brandt, Kelsey S.
453 Carroll, Robert
450 Huchette, Joseph A.

KING GEORGE

KING GEORGE H. S.
520 Hartnett, Courtney E.

LEBANON

LEBANON H. S.
520 Delaney, Jess A.

LEESBURG

HERITAGE H. S.
200 Johnson, Stacey A.

LOVETTSTVILLE

HOME SCHOOL
943 Unger, Jess E.

LYNCHBURG

HERITAGE H. S.
843 Karaus, Benjamin V.

VIRGINIA EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
900 Baker, Philip M.

MADISON

MADISON COUNTY H. S.
999 Jackson, Claire E.

MANASSAS

OSBOURN H. S.
999 Teller, Melissa M.

OSBOURN PARK H. S.
628 Rais, Saadia S.

SETON SCHOOL
843 Elam, Kevin D.

MC LEAN

LANGLEY H. S.
999 Brumas, William M.
947 Suh, Jennifer H.

MC LEAN H. S.
906 Capp, Paul
843 Charles, Anthony M.
904 Charles, Zachary B.
450 Scott, Adam N.
774 Tata, Athreya J.
946 Zinni, Miles A.

POTOMAC SCHOOL
553 Davis, Taylor R.
906 Dwyer, Diana V.
907 Gerchick, Adam
000 Hussey, Katherine R.
000 Kornick, Victoria A.
821 McElwain, James C.

MECHANICSVILLE

ATLEE H. S.
940 Ellis, James M.

MIDDLEBURG

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
450 Snow, Elizabeth H.

MIDLOTHIAN

CLOVER HILL H. S.
999 DeWitt, Michael F.

COSBY H. S.
999 Casalaspri, David W.

NEWPORT NEWS

DENBIGH H. S.
450 Lowell, Douglas S.

HAMPTON ROADS ACADEMY
900 Moy, Melissa A.
160 Tierney, Adrian M.
722 Wheeler, Coleman S.

WOODSIDE H. S.
164 Mattingly, Aaron J.

NICKELSVILLE

TWIN SPRINGS H. S.
522 Gillenwater, Chelsea R.

NOKESVILLE

BRENTSVILLE DISTRICT H. S.
999 Schaffer, Nicholas A.

NORFOLK

HOME SCHOOL
771 Tan, Philip M.

MATTHEW F. MAURY H. S.
561 Ambler, Matthew T.

NORFOLK ACADEMY
214 Kennedy, Krista S.
252 McKee, Katheryn M.
950 Protacio, Michael C.

OAKTON

FLINT HILL SCHOOL
200 Randolph, Brian D.

POQUOSON

POQUOSON H. S.
906 Freeman, Michael H.
303 Tyler, Andrew D.

PURCELLVILLE

LOUDOUN VALLEY H. S.
843 Ammann, Paul L.
161 Bromser-Kloeden, Gareth P.

RADFORD

RADFORD H. S.
742 Mubeen, Malik K.

RAVEN

HIGHLIGHT ACADEMY
OF EDUCATION
560 Eichler, Benjamin T.

RESTON

SOUTH LAKES H. S.
999 Binger, Sarah G.
520 Whitlock, Allison M.

RICHMOND

COLLEGIATE SCHOOL
451 Adams, David C.
451 Crutcher, Robert M.
742 Daniel, Alexander W.
999 Kilpatrick, Alice M.

DOUGLAS S. FREEMAN H. S.
900 Custer, Colin C.
303 Waterstreet, Christana A.

MILLS E. GODWIN H. S.
833 King, Justin T.
710 Ma, Molly

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL
902 Chang, Alan Y.
906 Cockrell, Hannah C.
999 Elhai, Leaf A.
700 Freeman, Sara P.
450 Henderson, Matthew C.
550 Hoogakker, Corinne M.
999 Kluge, Matthew G.
559 Martin, Caroline W.
906 Mierzejewski, Kristen L.
999 O'Donnell, Megan E.
628 Randall, Amanda L.
999 Schmick, Peyton A.
999 Toiaivao, Lindsey C.
200 Wang, Carson
742 Webb, Keith H.

HENRICO H. S.
870 Urban, Eliza D.

ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL
999 Stone, Lindsay C.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S SCHOOL
450 Farinholt, Brown R.
000 Halsey, Philip G.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
742 Gerrish, Heather S.
520 Stephens, Maura H.

JOHN RANDOLPH TUCKER H. S.
999 Allen, Amy K.
162 Bauer, Katherine A.

ROANOKE

PATRICK HENRY H. S.
167 Cromwell, Robert N.
450 Kennedy, Sarah E.

NORTH CROSS SCHOOL
843 Boyd, Clifford M.

ROCKY MOUNT

FRANKLIN COUNTY H. S.
300 Jones, Samuel S.

SMITHFIELD

SMITHFIELD H. S.
628 Ketcham, Samantha L.
450 Ormond, Patrick C.

SOUTH RIDING

FREEDOM H. S.
999 Smith, Ryan D.

SPOTSYLVANIA

COURTLAND H. S.
455 Monahan, Alexander L.

SPRINGFIELD

GW COMMUNITY SCHOOL
303 Feeney, Andrew J.

WEST SPRINGFIELD H. S.
522 Serwin, James K.

STEPHENS CITY

SHERANDO H. S.
160 Powell, Stephanie E.

STERLING

DOMINION H. S.
628 Ritchey, Fiona C.
999 Tran, Ha N.

STUARTS DRAFT

STUARTS DRAFT H. S.
454 Miller, John T.

SUFFOLK

NANSEMOND - SUFFOLK
ACADEMY
722 Francis, Kersti A.

TAZEWELL

TAZEWELL H. S.
950 McClure, Timothy S.

VIENNA

JAMES MADISON H. S.
870 Beckhard, Jacob C.
561 Byrne, Brigid
870 Heaton, Audrey L.
942 Sponn, Frank L.
720 Whitfield, James C.

OAKTON H. S.

214 Ellis, Matthew E.
450 Kallakury, Adarsh V.
907 Metcalf, Daniel G.
300 Raust, Mike E.
209 Solanki, Adarsh

VIRGINIA BEACH

PRINCESS ANNE H. S.
999 Heckelman, Thomas A.
999 Sharp, Emily J.
200 Truong, Liren J.

FRANK W. COX H. S.
904 Harris, David S.

FIRST COLONIAL H. S.
999 Bohoslav, James P.
450 Budorick, Lauren E.

OCEAN LAKES H. S.
836 Cooper, Alexander L.
450 Glaze, James T.
843 Henchen, Andrew W.

SALEM H. S.
450 Frohock, Justin M.

TALLWOOD H. S.
450 Gearhart, Aaron M.

WASHINGTON

RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY H. S.
836 Collins, Austin J.

WAYNESBORO

HOME SCHOOL
843 Loomis, Ryan A.

WEST POINT

WEST POINT H. S.
943 Williams, James R.

WILLIAMSBURG

BRUTON H. S.
522 Rennix, Brianna E.

JAMESTOWN H. S.
161 Brown, Emily E.
742 McWilliams, Ryan M.

WALSINGHAM ACADEMY
555 Berry, Melanie C.
520 Sargeant, Andrew D.

WINCHESTER

JOHN HANDLEY H. S.
999 Flax, Jayne E.
214 Luttrell, Crystal A.

JAMES WOOD H. S.
450 Kent, John B.

YORKTOWN

HOME SCHOOL
303 Cumbie, William J.

TABB H. S.
400 Cutler, Katharine L.
121 Schuff, Katherine A.
743 Yankoski, Michael C.

YORK H. S.
999 Luo, Kevin K.
628 Ricks, Clark A.
628 Shin, Michael