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**SEMIFINALISTS IN THE 2017
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 in the 2017 National Merit® Scholarship Program

(Evanston, Illinois) Today officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 62nd 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 about \$33 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 about 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 420 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 2017 Competition

About 1.6 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2015 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 his or her high school 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[®] 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 2017. 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 230 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 190 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 2017 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join more than 323,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

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Semifinalists: 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program

VIRGINIA

ALDIE

JOHN CHAMPE H. S.
000 Meka, Bharath
628 Song, Harim

ALEXANDRIA

HAYFIELD SECONDARY SCHOOL
741 Howard, Megan H.

BISHOP IRETON H. S.
999 Paparo, Samuel J.

THOMAS JEFFERSON H. S. FOR
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

999 Ahn, Katherine H.
459 Bachman, Emma E.
169 Baily, Jennifer A.
185 Balaji, Akshay S.
160 Balu, Aaryan
999 Bastian, Gregory T.
209 Bevard, Victoria Z.
628 Bhattacharyya, Joya
185 Bhavsar, Sanjeevani
559 Boroday, Sofiya
185 Bradbury, Susanna R.
303 Brower, Cecelia R.
628 Buchinsky, Jonathan C.
999 Buckley, Colin
000 Cao, Michelle X.
303 Chao, David
999 Cheng, Selina L.
999 Chiang, Melody S.
162 Chitko, Roma
450 Chu, Cecelia C.
303 Chu, Landon S.
970 Chung, Colin W.
142 Collins, Hannah C.
450 Conforti, Elise M.
628 Cox, Caroline E.
843 Cuddy, Emma F.
308 Dhanasekar, Deepshika
450 Dickson, Sarah E.
999 Eisert, Katherine I.
628 Epari, Sahana
450 Felt, Violet C.
999 Feng, John A.
300 Fondriest, Jacob A.
461 Fontaine, Clara Y.
185 Fried, Alexander J.
459 Furlong, William
890 Gandhi, Ishaan
300 Geng, Kevin H.
300 Golla, Grey S.
870 Gruver, Juliana R.
162 Gu, Aaron
999 Gupta, Amit
463 Halper, Kristen K.
300 Hansen, David C.
457 Heller, Griffith T.
457 Holford, Elise A.
303 Hu, Elizabeth
999 Hu, Vivian Z.
200 Iyengar, Varun R.
300 Khoo, Jillian
999 Kim, Hannah H.
451 Kim, Kyoung Min
710 Kollur, Shivam R.
459 Kulkarni, Adarsh A.
300 Lee, Jihyeong
000 Lee, Nicholas P.
940 Lee, Rachel U.
950 Ling, Caitlyn F.
303 Liu, David W.
160 Liu, Eric J.
300 Luk, Eldon B.
836 Ma, James D.
907 Malzahn, Janet C.
169 Martinka, Rachel R.
836 Mays, Rebecca L.
160 McDonald, Gabriela E.
466 McGowan, Christopher
832 Michael, Andrea H.
970 Mishra, Abhishek
999 Murphy, Colin D.
450 Narayana, Prithvi U.

999 Nash, Jacob M.
903 Nguyen, Caroline V.
000 Nowroozi, Mina
170 Omais, Maya A.
120 Osman, Abdalla O.
450 Park, Jami M.
161 Park, Seung Weon
999 Patel, Josal
000 Patel, Tishani
303 Prabakaran, Swetha
164 Prasad, Neeraj
185 Ramanathan, Gautam
628 Ravi, Ramya H.
833 Sahai, Rhea B.
467 Sastry, Suhas K.
999 Sequeira, Raquel E.
160 Shen, Jessie Q.
740 Shi, Alvin J.
303 Shirolkar, Nikhil J.
303 Shoemaker, Abigail R.
450 Shukla, Aakash P.
467 Sil, Meghna
999 Soccio-Mallon, Alexandra L.
454 Song, Won Seok
450 Stranne, Jason K.
461 Stremick, Kody F.
836 Subramanian, Jayant R.
202 Sun, Alexander
455 Sun, Tiffany P.
303 Sundararaman, Aditi
160 Tam, Katie S.
628 Tian, Joyce
204 Tu, Thinh C.
628 Vittala, Aadith S.
450 Wang, Christine H.
164 Wang, Jessica
160 Wang, Jessica J.
843 Wood-Thomas, Devon A.
303 Wu, Daniel Y.
450 Xu, William
628 Yoon, Eugennie
303 Yu, Brian R.
450 Zavela, Diana F.
301 Zhang, Ran
999 Zhang, Ruyan
303 Zhao, Haicheng C.
303 Zheng, Sydney L.
999 Zhou, Sarah Y.

ST. STEPHEN'S AND
ST. AGNES SCHOOL
999 Dubke, Samuel G.
999 Reinsdorf, Jacob P.

WEST POTOMAC H. S.
904 Franklin, Sean M.

T. C. WILLIAMS H. S.
999 Arnold, Sierra L.

ANNANDALE

ANNANDALE H. S.
950 Betts, Benjamin S.

ARLINGTON

BISHOP O'CONNELL H. S.
171 Halford, Grace C.

WASHINGTON - LEE H. S.

168 Baatarkhuu, Nomin
454 Brooks, Benjamin J.
999 Cleary, Michael
999 Garcia, Jackson E.
000 Hauck, Grace A.
790 Klein, Johanna M.
742 Shaker, Mia E.
303 Weiner, Eric M.

YORKTOWN H. S.

712 Barrans, Josette J.
970 Kalett, Harley N.

ASHBURN

BRIAR WOODS H. S.
740 Na, Clara S.
450 Ong, Samuel W.

BROAD RUN H. S.
742 Hess, Kyle G.
450 Marshall, Megan E.
628 Sandefer, Alyssa M.
520 Sandefer, Elynnor C.
743 Vejalla, Varsha

ROCK RIDGE H. S.

166 Hirt, Ashley K.
628 Le, Daniel B.
457 Song, Louise S.

BERRYVILLE

CLARKE COUNTY H. S.
870 Thompson, Julia L.

BLACKSBURG

BLACKSBURG H. S.
451 Shen, Jeff
740 Sun, Tiger
160 Yuan, Katarina F.

HOMESCHOOL

121 Crawford, Mary K.

BRISTOL

VIRGINIA H. S.
999 Shelton, Elizabeth J.

BURKE

HOMESCHOOL
742 Robles Walters, Liam

LAKE BRADDOCK

SECONDARY SCHOOL
204 Clark, Benjamin B.
555 Flatt, Rachel L.
903 Lang, Katherine Q.
200 Rolland, Ethan S.
999 Schwarz, Samuel D.
457 Willis, Rebecca E.

CHANTILLY

CHANTILLY H. S.
906 Choi, Kevin T.
628 Lee, Daniel C.
170 Wang, Alice Y.
999 Wang, Jeffrey R.

WESTFIELD H. S.

999 Park, Daniel J.
454 Paudel, Celina
160 Zhu, Lucinda

CHARLOTTESVILLE

ALBEMARLE H. S.
303 Harris, William N.
600 Lin, Emily Z.
450 Liyanage, Seth W.
999 Schauer, Annaliese R.
450 Scholes, Ryan J.
467 Walk, Ian M.
450 Yang, Carol Q.

CHARLOTTESVILLE H. S.

000 Jenkins, Claire
467 Keeley, Graham C.
000 O'Brien, Liam A.
160 Robinson, Matthew W.
467 Starosta, Pascale J.

MONTICELLO H. S.

999 Stoddart, Aidan L.

ST. ANNE'S - BELFIELD SCHOOL

723 Baucom, Kiran M.

CHESAPEAKE

GRASSFIELD H. S.
303 Jones, Marquelle R.

HICKORY H. S.

628 Shah, Leela

CLIFTON

CENTREVILLE H. S.
712 Kim, Alexander J.
455 Lim, Sarah H.
602 O'Brien, Connor T.

CROZET

WESTERN ALBEMARLE H. S.
950 Klein, Julia K.

CULPEPER

CULPEPER COUNTY H. S.
457 Mize, Kameron A.

DALEVILLE

LORD BOTETOURT H. S.
450 Beckner, Caleb A.
830 Fechisin, Christopher M.

DRAPER

HOMESCHOOL
467 Pratt, Jacob

DUMFRIES

ST. JOHN PAUL THE GREAT
CATHOLIC H. S.
999 Horner, Maria C.

FAIRFAX

FAIRFAX H. S.
303 Krupka, Benjamin G.
740 Stafford, Rebecca A.

PAUL VI CATHOLIC H. S.

303 Andrade, Vernon A.
870 Artner, Stephen N.
302 Barrett, Benjamin J.
451 Labuskes, Landon P.
999 Potter, Allison L.
160 Sheehan, Thomas J.

JAMES W. ROBINSON

SECONDARY SCHOOL
450 Katz, Jason M.
185 Roberts, George J.
773 Verma, Punita
166 Wei, Eric

W. T. WOODSON H. S.

303 Cabrera, Emilia K.
451 Elaryan, Andrew E.
161 Fothergill, James T.
628 Kim, Daniel C.
999 Oh, Jae Won
628 Pham, Lam-Phong N.
303 Scheele, Samuel
303 Shichman, Mollie F.
160 Sowder, Helena
000 Suh, Justin J.
907 Ward, Brian M.
455 Wingo, Hailey M.
454 Wong, Carolyn E.

FALLS CHURCH

GEORGE C. MARSHALL H. S.
450 Brinza, Patrick D.
454 Epstein, Ethan D.
164 Griggs, Dannie
451 Roustom, Salim A.
520 Ward, Emma G.

GEORGE MASON H. S.

723 Gompper, Lydia E.

J. E. B. STUART H. S.

843 Dillard, Jackson B.

FALMOUTH

STAFFORD H. S.
628 McOsker, Sean

FORT DEFIANCE

FORT DEFIANCE H. S.
455 Garber, Sadie E.
450 Shields, Nathaniel S.

FREDERICKSBURG

HOMESCHOOL
000 Martin, Samuel B.

JAMES MONROE H. S.

904 Boyd, Carter A.

GLEN ALLEN

DEEP RUN H. S.
833 Heilesen, Seneca K.

HARRISONBURG

EASTERN MENNONITE H. S.
450 Powell, Elijah K.

HARRISONBURG H. S.

000 Campillo, Molly W.
000 Fox, Zoey V.

HAYMARKET

BATTLEFIELD H. S.
450 Chi, Christopher E.
209 Zhang, Kimberly Y.

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Virginia (continued)

HENRICO

MILLS E. GODWIN H. S.
450 Rawson, William T.

HERNDON

HERNDON H. S.
218 Brown, Allison V.

LEESBURG

LOUDOUN COUNTY H. S.
450 Carey, Kevin M.

LEXINGTON

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY H. S.
160 Basuchoudhary, Oishani

LORTON

SOUTH COUNTY H. S.
000 Kim, Juho
457 Zhu, Kevin G.

LYNCHBURG

E. C. GLASS H. S.
450 Quintero, Jude L.

LIBERTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
470 Long, Grace R.

VIRGINIA EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
742 Baugher, Zachary M.

MC LEAN

LANGLEY H. S.
209 Allawi, Ahmed A.
121 Ellinger, Elizabeth G.
450 Feng, Alexander H.
162 Gagnon, Richard J.
306 Gregory, Matthew W.
451 Kohm, Emma C.
000 Morrissey, James P.
450 Owen, Alexander H.
628 Pei, Robert
628 Rao, Nitin
999 Singh, Kanishk
450 Stranne, Emily E.
742 Tretiak, Sivan A.
836 Uitz, Jay H.
451 Vinter, Andrew M.

THE MADEIRA SCHOOL
000 Barre, Emily C.

MC LEAN H. S.
451 Bennett, Rebecca M.
450 Duval, Anna K.
450 Foraida, Tariq M.
450 Hassi, Lauren E.
450 Huffman, Noah M.
300 Hungar, Brett L.
520 Kranking, Carlyn N.
303 Mani, Rahul A.
000 Pincus, Melanie A.
000 Simons, Alexander D.
164 Yang, Andrew L.
999 Zheng, Lucy
904 Zysk, Catherine G.

OAKCREST SCHOOL
559 Fowler, Isabella M.

POTOMAC SCHOOL
999 Hoechst, Stephanie S.
740 Holmes, Peter A.
209 Kitt, Alexander D.
169 Lansing, Nicholas C.

MIDLOTHIAN

CLOVER HILL H. S.
450 McQuilkin, Alexander D.

MIDLOTHIAN H. S.
169 Chazo, Madison L.
300 Shurie, Ryan C.

NEWPORT NEWS

HAMPTON ROADS ACADEMY
000 Cronin, Jared D.
214 Gomez Grimaldi, Maria B.

NOKESVILLE

BRENTSVILLE DISTRICT H. S.
833 Phillips, Camryn L.

KETTLE RUN H. S.
999 Seyler, Nicholas M.

NORFOLK

HOMESCHOOL
773 Metzger, Celia A.

PALMYRA

FLUVANNA COUNTY H. S.
906 Lee, Harrison Y.

POTOMAC FALLS

POTOMAC FALLS H. S.
302 Craig, Noah C.

PURCELLVILLE

LOUDOUN VALLEY H. S.
999 Coleman, Jacob A.

RESTON

DOMINION SCHOOL
999 Flanders, Abigail C.

SOUTH LAKES H. S.
162 Sprague, Daniel

RICHMOND

COLLEGIATE SCHOOL
450 Beazley, Margaret
999 Brinkley, Adelaide
947 Fergusson, Jane E.
000 Murphy, Madeline C.
999 Riopelle, Patrick K.
185 Withers, Christopher P.

DOUGLAS S. FREEMAN H. S.
200 Neary, John H.
162 Nelli, Patrick C.
450 Yang, Cindy

**MAGGIE L. WALKER GOVERNOR'S
SCHOOL FOR GOVERNMENT AND
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

600 Bai, Ketty
999 Burch, Corinne A.
906 Caven, James
999 Gangal, Isha
628 Grob, Gabrielle A.
743 Kong, Jessica L.
904 Kotak, Parth H.
897 McCullough, Andrew S.
999 McDowell, Rowan A.
628 Shetty, Shreya A.
168 Tekriwal, Harish
160 Tsow, Eva I.
466 Yang, Charles J.
459 Yu, Kimberly S.
300 Zhang, Annie

ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL
943 Oelkers, Katherine B.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S SCHOOL
160 Barkstrom, Jackson W.

ST. GERTRUDE H. S.
121 Franke, Cassandra J.

ROANOKE

NORTHSIDE H. S.
450 Jearls, James C.

RUCKERSVILLE

HOMESCHOOL
000 Richmond, Jonathan H.

SALEM

GLENVAR H. S.
628 Mirza, Barika

SOUTH RIDING

FREEDOM H. S.
459 Chang, Joseph H.
451 Shah, Alay M.
501 Whitaker, Nathan J.

SPRINGFIELD

HOMESCHOOL
000 Sheridan, Raichael P.

WEST SPRINGFIELD H. S.
999 MacArthur, Mary Jane

STAFFORD

COLONIAL FORGE H. S.
121 Burlaw, Natalie E.

MOUNTAIN VIEW H. S.
467 Chechak, Nicholas M.

STANARDSVILLE

WILLIAM MONROE H. S.
160 Mosqueda, Ivan A.

STEPHENS CITY

SHERANDO H. S.
200 Gustafson, Benjamin E.

STERLING

DOMINION H. S.
906 Mahdi, Zainab F.
160 Sudhakar, Sneha L.
450 Traenkle, Matthew A.

PARK VIEW H. S.

167 Coombs, Nathaniel J.

VIENNA

JAMES MADISON H. S.
450 Donnelly, Patrick
843 Fielman, Kyle R.
999 Gibson, Emily F.
450 Haines, Owen J.
999 Klain, Zipporah L.
162 Murray, Page C.
628 Park, Sophia T.
999 Prince, Andrew C.
946 Thompson, Noah D.
121 Thornberry, Bridget J.

OAKTON H. S.
204 Cao, Evan R.
302 Krist, Calvin Z.
712 Lee, Michael S.
465 Rosenblum, Lindsay S.
720 Sun, Kelly H.
303 White, Liam
773 Yang, Alice

VINTON

WILLIAM BYRD H. S.
454 Webb, Meagan R.

VIRGINIA BEACH

FLOYD E. KELLAM H. S.
463 Jeffrey, Grace P.

OCEAN LAKES H. S.

628 Hsu, Brian M.
999 Lisner, Samuel R.
600 Pember, Nicolette G.
740 Smith, Joshua M.

PRINCESS ANNE H. S.
454 Hong, Kevin T.

BISHOP SULLIVAN CATHOLIC H. S.

454 Foley, Caroline K.

TALLWOOD H. S.

302 Dygert, Jonathan C.

WILLIAMSBURG

BRUTON H. S.
000 Brotherton, Rachel E.

JAMESTOWN H. S.

303 Robles-Hinckley, Samuel P.
303 Shamaingar, Stephen
450 Shideler, Corey R.

WINCHESTER

JOHN HANDLEY H. S.
999 Crow, Samuel B.

WOODBERRY FOREST

WOODBERRY FOREST SCHOOL
000 Bubniak, Evan T.

WOODBRIIDGE

WOODBRIIDGE H. S.
000 Ellis, Christian J.
303 Low, Tian Tian

YORKTOWN

GRAFTON H. S.
000 Liu, Katie Q.
830 Marinova, Miroslava M.

YORK H. S.

455 Lee, David H.