



National Achievement Scholarship Program

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SEMIFINALISTS IN THE 2012 NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT[®] SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM September 28, 2011 Announcement

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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 2012 National Achievement[®] Scholarship Program

(Evanston, Illinois) More than 1,600 Black American high school seniors who have been designated Semifinalists in the 48th annual National Achievement Scholarship Program were announced today by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) officials. These scholastically talented young men and women now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for approximately 800 Achievement Scholarship[®] awards worth more than \$2.4 million to be offered next spring. To be considered for a National Achievement Scholarship, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 80 percent of Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and more than half of the Finalists will win an Achievement Scholarship award.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program, conducted by NMSC, is a privately financed academic competition that operates without government assistance. It was initiated in 1964 to recognize academically promising black students throughout the nation and to provide scholarships to a substantial number of the most outstanding program participants. To date, over 31,100 young men and women have received Achievement Scholarship awards worth more than \$98 million.

About the Competition

More than 160,000 high school juniors from all parts of the United States requested consideration in the 2012 National Achievement Scholarship Program when they took the 2010 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). Semifinalists are designated within geographic regions and are the highest-scoring program entrants in the states that make up each region.

To advance to the Finalist level in the competition, Semifinalists must present a record of high academic performance throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the high school principal, write an essay, and earn SAT scores that confirm their PSAT/NMSQT performance. In addition, the Semifinalist and a high school official must complete a detailed scholarship application in which they provide information about the student's participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, and educational goals.

From the approximately 1,600 Semifinalists, about 1,300 are expected to advance to the Finalist level, and in January they will be notified of this designation. All Achievement Scholar® awardees will be selected from the Finalist group on the basis of their abilities, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

National Achievement Scholarships

National Achievement Scholarships provided in 2012 will be supported by corporations, professional organizations, foundations, and by NMSC's own funds. Two types of scholarships will be offered. Every Finalist will compete for one of the 700 one-time National Achievement \$2500 Scholarships, which will be awarded on a regional representation basis. In addition, corporate and business sponsors will underwrite about 100 Achievement Scholarship awards for Finalists who meet criteria set by the grantor. Although some corporate-sponsored awards provide a single payment, most are renewable for up to four years of undergraduate study. NMSC will release the names of scholarship winners to news media in early April.

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CALIFORNIA

ALBANY

ALBANY H. S.
894 Tilghman, Chanel

BEVERLY HILLS

BEVERLY HILLS H. S.
999 Moore, Madison J.

CARSON

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF
MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE
164 Thames, Easter C.

CERRITOS

CERRITOS H. S.
160 Macfoy, Don A.

CHULA VISTA

HOMESCHOOL
254 Reyes, Jasmine J.

CLAREMONT

CLAREMONT H. S.
600 Fortson, Katherine T.

CONCORD

DE LA SALLE H. S.
999 Garske, Kevin T.

CORONA

CENTENNIAL H. S.
870 McCutchen, Rachal M.

CUPERTINO

CUPERTINO H. S.
175 Park, Rachel

HOMESTEAD H. S.
000 Hymes, Wangui G.
940 Milesi, Domonic N.

MONTA VISTA H. S.
450 Yared, Surafael

DANVILLE

MONTA VISTA H. S.
999 Williams, Joshua

EL SEGUNDO

EL SEGUNDO H. S.
522 LeGardye, Quinci A.

ELK GROVE

PLEASANT GROVE H. S.
712 Cotton, Nikita B.
999 Girma, Betelhem

ESCONDIDO

ESCONDIDO CHARTER H. S.
450 Tegno, Jerry M.

FORT BRAGG

FORT BRAGG H. S.
522 Frazier, Mallory

FRESNO

EDISON H. S.
629 Sakoury, Tariq

GLENDALE

GLENDALE ACADEMY
628 Osby, Victoria

GRASS VALLEY

WILLIAM AND MARIAN
GHIDOTTI H. S.
904 Kono, Jean-Raymond M.

IRVINE

UNIVERSITY H. S.
946 Forthal, Gabriel

LA CANADA

FLINTRIDGE PREPARATORY
SCHOOL
455 Harper, Samantha
710 Williams, Brinton K.
160 Wolff, Max C.

LA CRESCENTA

CLARK MAGNET H. S.
999 Kemp, Jonas B.

LAGUNA HILLS

LAGUNA HILLS H. S.
628 Spigner, Sabina T.

LAKEWOOD

MAYFAIR H. S.
628 Sanchez, Quiana

LANCASTER

SOAR H. S.
628 Hithe, Alexis C.

LOS ANGELES

BRENTWOOD SCHOOL
160 Mengestab, Adam
162 Pearson, Dominique L.

EAGLE ROCK H. S.
160 Friedman-Hicks, Cameron

HOMESCHOOL
454 Carpenter, Olivia M.

IMMACULATE HEART H. S.
121 Egbe, Lucy T.
628 Hardley, Macy T.

LE LYCEE FRANCAIS
DE LOS ANGELES
162 Sissoko, Gunter B.

LOS ANGELES CENTER FOR
ENRICHED STUDIES
619 Lewis, Courtney N.

LOYOLA H. S.
999 Bedart-Ghani, Khaliq

MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL
999 Fuller, Stephanie G.
948 Garbutt, Schessa R.

JOHN MARSHALL H. S.
450 Ahegbebu, Kudzo S.

PILGRIM SCHOOL
999 Kim, Evelyn A.

WESTCHESTER H. S.
161 Esiobu, Chukwuka

MISSION VIEJO

TRABUCO HILLS H. S.
836 Ashley, Nicholas S.
160 Mburu, Francis M.
628 Thompson, Karli N.
250 Ukah, Monica A.

MODESTO

MODESTO H. S.
161 Mason, Ian G.

MORAGA

CAMPOLINDO H. S.
901 Chan, Amanda K.

MURRIETA

VISTA MURRIETA H. S.
712 Jerry, Marissa A.

NORTH HOLLYWOOD

CAMPBELL HALL
453 Lee, Aliyah

HARVARD - WESTLAKE SCHOOL
000 Bookman, Simone N.
204 McRae, Camden A.

999 Nunley, Taylor N.
999 Rowland, Alexander J.
200 Williams, Adam J.

NORTH HOLLYWOOD H. S.
164 Agwamba, Kennedy D.
743 Houston, Hazina M.
450 McGee, Joseph M.

NOVATO

NOVATO H. S.
790 Johnson, Indigo T.

OAKLAND

HEAD - ROYCE SCHOOL
185 Callender, Brandon M.
999 Griggs, Jasmin A.
550 Kamau-Devers, Njeri L.
908 Njemanze, Seretse A.
000 Smith, Courtney R.

BISHOP O'DOWD H. S.
999 Carera, Kylie A.

OAKLAND TECHNICAL H. S.
185 Henderson, Kai B.

OJAI

THE THACHER SCHOOL
999 Kelbisow, Kalieb

ONTARIO

COLONY H. S.
185 Summers, Robert L.

PALM DESERT

XAVIER COLLEGE
PREPARATORY H. S.
628 Omilana, Adetola O.

PALO ALTO

CASTILLEJA SCHOOL
450 Crawford, Nicole S.

HENRY M. GUNN H. S.
454 Ray, Olivia S.

PALO ALTO H. S.
907 Brooks, Alexander J.
907 Brooks, Lucas
142 Kirkman, Tremaine D.

PASADENA

POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL
162 Turner, Andrew R.

PLACENTIA

VALENCIA H. S.
185 Anusiem, Ndubuisi W.
204 Macaulay, Biola E.

PLACERVILLE

SOUTH SUTTER
CHARTER SCHOOL
821 Olatunji, Zenzele I.

RAMONA

RAMONA H. S.
999 Turner, Kia C.

REDLANDS

REDLANDS ADVENTIST ACADEMY
454 Harris, Jordan B.

REDONDO BEACH

REDONDO UNION H. S.
214 Rosenberg, Joshua M.

ROLLING HILLS ESTATES

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA H. S.
185 Ikeme, Chukwudera O.

ROSS

BRANSON SCHOOL
303 Wallace, Kathleen G.

SACRAMENTO

FLORIN H. S.
142 Dang, Nisa

ROSEMONT H. S.
453 Ayers, Aleshia R.

SAN DIEGO

FRANCIS W. PARKER SCHOOL
520 Abernethy, Rachael

TORREY PINES H. S.
628 Gilliam, Raphael
870 Reed, Auburn

WESTVIEW H. S.
459 Hafford, Joshua

SAN FRANCISCO

BAY SCHOOL
843 Vasquez, Daehan L.

CONVENT OF THE SACRED
HEART H. S.
906 Wilvert, Briana D.

HOMESCHOOL
628 Stommel, Taylor M.

LOWELL H. S.
000 Lewis, Kazuomori K.

SAN JOSE

ARCHBISHOP MITTY H. S.
254 Hutchins, Taji A.

SAN RAFAEL

MARIN ACADEMY
628 Scott, Isaac C.

SANTA CRUZ

SANTA CRUZ H. S.
999 Busia, Akosua P.

SANTA MONICA

CROSSROADS SCHOOL
160 Fonseca, Camille A.

SANTA ROSA

MONTGOMERY H. S.
160 Williams, Kai M.

SARATOGA

PROSPECT H. S.
720 Rodriguez, Myah I.

SIMI VALLEY

ROYAL H. S.
999 Siverson, Joshua A.

TEMECULA

GREAT OAK H. S.
999 Holloway, James A.

THOUSAND OAKS

LA REINA H. S.
821 Polk, Olivia R.

TORRANCE

BISHOP MONTGOMERY H. S.
200 Turner, Isiah C.

UPLAND

UPLAND H. S.
941 Munevar, David M.

VAN NUYS

VAN NUYS H. S.
907 Scott, Sean E.

VENTURA

VENTURA H. S.
451 Carrao, Justin D.

WALNUT

WALNUT H. S.
185 Ebuehi, Esther P.

WOODLAND HILLS

EL CAMINO REAL H. S.
990 Quillian, Sumaya A.