



## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

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### NATIONAL MERIT® SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

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**Note to editors: Merit Scholarship® winners in your state are listed alphabetically by city following this press release. News media are encouraged to contact high school principals for additional information about these outstanding students.**

*This material is prepared solely for news media to announce the names of Merit Scholar® designees; its use for any other purpose is prohibited.*

*Today's release is the second announcement of winners in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. On April 27, about 1,000 recipients of corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards were named, and on June 1 and July 11, some 4,000 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship winners will be announced. By the conclusion of this year's competition, about 7,500 academic champions will have won National Merit Scholarships worth approximately \$28 million.*

### **National Merit® \$2500 Scholarship Winners**

(Evanston, Illinois) Today, National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®) announced this year's National Merit \$2500 Scholarship winners. The 2,500 Merit Scholar designees were chosen from a talent pool of more than 15,000 outstanding Finalists in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program.

National Merit \$2500 Scholarship winners are the Finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. The number of winners named in each state is proportional to the state's percentage of the nation's graduating high school seniors.

These Scholars were selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors, who appraised a substantial amount of information submitted by both the Finalists and their high schools: the academic record, including difficulty level of subjects studied and grades earned; scores from the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®); contributions and leadership in school and community activities; an essay written by the Finalist; and a recommendation written by a high school official.

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NMSC finances most of these single-payment National Merit \$2500 Scholarships. Corporations and company foundations that sponsor awards through NMSC also help underwrite these scholarships with grants they provide in lieu of paying administrative fees. Scholars may use their awards at any regionally accredited U.S. college or university.

### 2022 National Merit Scholarship Competition

This year's National Merit Scholarship Program began in October 2020 when high school juniors took the PSAT/NMSQT, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Last fall, the highest-scoring participants in each state, representing less than one percent of the nation's high school seniors, were named Semifinalists on a state-representational basis. More than 16,000 Semifinalists had an opportunity to continue in the competition.

From the Semifinalist group, over 15,000 students met the very high academic standards and other requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. By the conclusion of the 2022 program, about 7,500 Finalists will have earned the "Merit Scholar" title and received a total of nearly \$28 million in college scholarships.

NMSC, a not-for-profit corporation that operates without government assistance, was founded in 1955 specifically to conduct the National Merit Scholarship Program. The majority of scholarships offered each year are underwritten by approximately 400 independent corporate and college sponsors that share NMSC's goals of honoring scholastically talented youth and encouraging academic excellence at all levels of education.

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**CAUTION:** Any attempt to compare high schools on the basis of numbers of Merit Scholarship winners will lead to erroneous and unsound 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.

<b>Ronald P. Rahenkamp</b> Probable career field: Design Engineering <b>NATIONAL MERIT \$2500 SCHOLARSHIP</b> This award is supported by National Merit Scholarship Corporation's own funds.	AIKEN 29803	SOUTH AIKEN H. S., AIKEN
<b>Dev P. Patel</b> Probable career field: Biomedical Engineering <b>NATIONAL MERIT \$2500 SCHOLARSHIP</b> This award is supported by National Merit Scholarship Corporation's own funds.	ANDERSON 29621	T. L. HANNA H. S., ANDERSON
<b>Timothy C. Brown, Jr.</b> Probable career field: Academia <b>NATIONAL MERIT \$2500 SCHOLARSHIP</b> This award is supported by National Merit Scholarship Corporation's own funds.	BEAUFORT 29902	BEAUFORT H. S., BEAUFORT
<b>Jared P. Reuben</b> Probable career field: Chemical Engineering <b>NATIONAL MERIT \$2500 SCHOLARSHIP</b> This award is supported by National Merit Scholarship Corporation's own funds.	BLUFFTON 29909	HILTON HEAD PREPARATORY SCHOOL, HILTON HEAD ISLAND
<b>Fiona E. Schreier</b> Probable career field: Writing <b>NATIONAL MERIT \$2500 SCHOLARSHIP</b> This award is supported by National Merit Scholarship Corporation's own funds.	CHAPIN 29036	SPRING HILL H. S., CHAPIN
<b>Eli A. Bundy</b> Probable career field: Environmental Science <b>NATIONAL MERIT \$2500 SCHOLARSHIP</b> This award is supported by National Merit Scholarship Corporation's own funds.	CHARLESTON 29407	CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, NORTH CHARLESTON
<b>Chloe G. Ross</b> Probable career field: Comparative Literature <b>NATIONAL MERIT \$2500 SCHOLARSHIP</b> This award is supported by National Merit Scholarship Corporation's own funds.	CHARLESTON 29401	ASHLEY HALL, CHARLESTON
<b>Macy M. Collins</b> Probable career field: Surgical Medicine <b>NATIONAL MERIT \$2500 SCHOLARSHIP</b> This award is supported by National Merit Scholarship Corporation's own funds.	COLUMBIA 29229	BLYTHEWOOD H. S., BLYTHEWOOD
<b>Andrew B. Hoover</b> Probable career field: Information Systems Management <b>NATIONAL MERIT \$2500 SCHOLARSHIP</b> This award is supported by National Merit Scholarship Corporation's own funds.	COLUMBIA 29223	BEN LIPPEN SCHOOL, COLUMBIA
<b>Zachary W. Huang</b> Probable career field: Computer Science <b>NATIONAL MERIT \$2500 SCHOLARSHIP</b> This award is supported by National Merit Scholarship Corporation's own funds.	COLUMBIA 29223	SPRING VALLEY H. S., COLUMBIA
<b>Savannah L. Smith</b> Probable career field: Pharmaceutical Science <b>NATIONAL MERIT \$2500 SCHOLARSHIP</b> This award is supported by National Merit Scholarship Corporation's own funds.	COLUMBIA 29205	HEATHWOOD HALL EPISCOPAL SCHOOL, COLUMBIA
<b>Alexander J. Winslow</b> Probable career field: Economics <b>NATIONAL MERIT \$2500 SCHOLARSHIP</b> This award is supported by National Merit Scholarship Corporation's own funds.	COLUMBIA 29206	RICHLAND NORTHEAST H. S., COLUMBIA
<b>Brooke M. Zavistaski</b> Probable career field: Psychology <b>NATIONAL MERIT \$2500 SCHOLARSHIP</b> This award is supported by National Merit Scholarship Corporation's own funds.	CONWAY 29526	CAROLINA FOREST H. S., MYRTLE BEACH
<b>Zill A. Patel</b> Probable career field: Cardiology <b>NATIONAL MERIT \$2500 SCHOLARSHIP</b> This award is supported by National Merit Scholarship Corporation's own funds.	GREENVILLE 29607	SOUTHSIDE H. S., GREENVILLE
<b>Arjun Gramopadhye</b> Probable career field: Economics <b>NATIONAL MERIT \$2500 SCHOLARSHIP</b> This award is supported by National Merit Scholarship Corporation's own funds.	GREER 29650	RIVERSIDE H. S., GREER

<b>Jessica Chen</b> Probable career field: Computer Programming	IRMO 29063	DUTCH FORK H. S., IRMO
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<b>Cindy R. Ju</b> Probable career field: Business	IRMO 29063	CHAPIN H. S., CHAPIN
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<b>Ryan L. Teachman</b> Probable career field: Biomedical Engineering	MOUNT PLEASANT 29466	WANDO H. S., MOUNT PLEASANT
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<b>Asher L. Wallen</b> Probable career field: Biomedical Engineering	MOUNT PLEASANT 29466	ACADEMIC MAGNET H. S., NORTH CHARLESTON
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<b>Rebecca E. White</b> Probable career field: Biology	MOUNT PLEASANT 29464	PORTER- GAUD SCHOOL, CHARLESTON
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<b>McKenna Young</b> Probable career field: Chemistry	MOUNT PLEASANT 29466	BISHOP ENGLAND H. S., CHARLESTON
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<b>Guoren Zhong</b> Probable career field: Mechanical Engineering	MURRELLS INLET 29576	ST. JAMES H. S., MURRELLS INLET
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<b>Isabella M. Aparicio-Morello</b> Probable career field: Biochemical Engineering	MYRTLE BEACH 29577	MYRTLE BEACH H. S., MYRTLE BEACH
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<b>Hunter R. Kuperman</b> Probable career field: Computer Programming	MYRTLE BEACH 29572	CAROLINA FOREST H. S., MYRTLE BEACH
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<b>Jeffrey N. Moody</b> Probable career field: Marketing	NORTH AUGUSTA 29860	NORTH AUGUSTA H. S., NORTH AUGUSTA
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<b>Olivia Mae Johnson</b> Probable career field: Surgical Medicine	PAWLEYS ISLAND 29585	WACCAMAW H. S., PAWLEYS ISLAND
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<b>William A. Walker</b> Probable career field: Environmental Policy	QUINBY 29506	SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS, HARTSVILLE
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<b>Jennifer Kei Centa</b> Probable career field: Statistics	SIMPSONVILLE 29681	MAULDIN H. S., MAULDIN
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<b>Daniel A. Romoser</b> Probable career field: Undecided	SIMPSONVILLE 29681	WOODMONT H. S., PIEDMONT
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<b>Ibrahim I. Alimohamed</b> Probable career field: Finance	SPARTANBURG 29301	DORMAN H. S., ROEBUCK
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<b>William Maxwell Booker</b> Probable career field: Investment Banking	SPARTANBURG 29302	SPARTANBURG H. S., SPARTANBURG
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<b>Sophia E. Mucci</b> Probable career field: Green Technology	TEGA CAY 29708	FORT MILL H. S., FORT MILL
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