



NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

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NATIONAL MERIT® SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS July 11, 2022 Announcement

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Note to editors: College-sponsored 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.

This is the last group of National Merit Scholar designees to be announced in 2022 by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®). In three spring releases, NMSC announced winners of corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards, National Merit® \$2500 Scholarship awards, and the first group of college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards.

Additional College-Sponsored Merit Scholarship Winners

(Evanston, Illinois) Today, National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced over 1,200 additional winners of National Merit Scholarships financed by colleges and universities. These Merit Scholar designees join more than 2,600 other college-sponsored award recipients who were announced in June.

Officials of each sponsor college selected their scholarship winners from among the Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program who will attend their institution. College-sponsored awards provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship.

This year, 155 colleges and universities are sponsoring over 3,800 Merit Scholarship awards. Sponsor colleges include 82 private and 73 public institutions located in 42 states and the District of Columbia.

This final group of winners brings the number of 2022 National Merit Scholars to more than 7,200. These distinguished high school graduates will receive scholarships for undergraduate study worth a total of nearly \$28 million. In addition to college-sponsored awards, two other types of National Merit Scholarships were offered—2,500 National Merit \$2500 Scholarships, for which all Finalists competed, and about 1,000 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who met criteria specified by their grantor organizations.

2022 National Merit Scholarship Competition

This year's competition for National Merit Scholarships began when high school juniors took the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. In September 2021, more than 16,000 Semifinalists were named on a state-representational basis in numbers proportional to each state's percentage of the national total of graduating high school seniors. Semifinalists were the highest-scoring program entrants in each state and represented less than one percent of the nation's seniors.

To become a Finalist, each Semifinalist had to complete a detailed scholarship application, which included writing an essay, describing leadership positions and contributions in school and community activities, showing an outstanding academic record, and being endorsed and recommended by a high school official. Semifinalists also had to take the SAT® or ACT® and earn scores that confirmed their performance on the initial qualifying test. From the Semifinalist group, over 15,000 attained Finalist standing, and about half of the Finalists were chosen to receive National Merit Scholarships.

NMSC, a not-for-profit corporation that operates without government assistance, was founded in 1955 to conduct the National Merit Scholarship Program. Over the past 67 years, approximately 368,000 outstanding young individuals have won National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$1.3 billion. The majority of awards offered each year are underwritten by approximately 400 independent corporate and college sponsors that support NMSC's efforts to recognize scholastically talented youth and encourage the pursuit of academic excellence.

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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.

SOUTH CAROLINA

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College-sponsored Merit Scholarship winners of July 11, 2022

Grace C. Gattman Probable career field: Computer Engineering	BLYTHEWOOD 29016	BLYTHEWOOD H. S., BLYTHEWOOD
NATIONAL MERIT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP Clemson University is a state-supported, land-grant university accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. With 59 undergraduate and 80 graduate degree programs under colleges of Agricultural Sciences, Architecture, Commerce and Industry, Education, Engineering, Liberal Arts, Nursing, Sciences, Parks, Recreation and Tourism, and graduate school, the state's high-technologic, scientific institute currently serves nearly 12,000 undergraduate and graduate students.		
David Y. Wang Probable career field: Applied Mathematics	CHARLESTON 29414	ACADEMIC MAGNET H. S., NORTH CHARLESTON
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Jasmine F. Hagerty Probable career field: Civil Engineering	COLUMBIA 29203	SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS, HARTSVILLE
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Joel W. Cheek Probable career field: Biochemistry	EASLEY 29642	EASLEY H. S., EASLEY
NATIONAL MERIT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOLARSHIP The University of South Carolina, a medium-sized, coeducational state university, is the nation's first (founded in 1801) to be financed entirely by any state. Opportunities include an undergraduate honors program, advanced placement and a varied curriculum which includes majors in over 10 undergraduate colleges and schools. Advanced degrees, including the Ph.D., are offered in these and other fields.		
Alexander E. Eastland Probable career field: Journalism	GREENVILLE 29607	CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL SCHOOL, GREENVILLE
NATIONAL MERIT UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SCHOLARSHIP Founded in 1785, the University of Georgia is the oldest chartered state university in the country. The university is located in Athens, Georgia, on a campus extending over 3,500 acres. Enrollment is over 28,000. There are thirteen schools and colleges, which offer the Bachelor's and Master's degrees in more than a hundred fields and the Doctor's degree in some forty disciplines.		
Brady J. Haas Probable career field: Biomedicine	GREENVILLE 29611	POWERSVILLE H. S., GREENVILLE
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Ethan J. Ropp Probable career field: Physics	GREENVILLE 29609	WADE HAMPTON H. S., GREENVILLE
NATIONAL MERIT FURMAN UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP Furman University is an independent, coeducational college of arts and sciences located in Greenville, South Carolina. Founded in 1826, Furman offers majors and programs in 42 subjects and is highly regarded for its focus on engaged learning: a problem-solving, project-oriented, experience-based approach to the liberal arts. Most of the university's 2,600 undergraduates are attracted to Furman by its reputation for academic excellence and its emphasis on a well-rounded college experience.		
Jackson Taylor Ward Probable career field: Chemical Engineering	HILTON HEAD 29926	HILTON HEAD ISLAND H. S., HILTON HEAD ISLAND
NATIONAL MERIT UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA SCHOLARSHIP The University of Florida is a public university of about 34,000 undergraduates in Gainesville. With more than 100 undergraduate degree programs, UF provides a broad education and many unique opportunities to help students develop a wide range of skills and strengths that are important in today's competitive job market.		
Carson D. Dodge Probable career field: Finance	INDIAN LAND 29707	SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS, HARTSVILLE
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Michael A. Brewer Probable career field: Anesthesiology	IRMO 29063	DUTCH FORK H. S., IRMO
NATIONAL MERIT UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SCHOLARSHIP The University of Alabama offers over 150 undergraduate and 85 graduate majors through 12 divisions. A resident student body of some 18,000 comes from across the nation and over 60 foreign countries. The university has many innovative learning programs, a Law Center, a School of Mines and Energy Development, a College of Engineering, and a College of Commerce and Business Administration. Student activities center around some 300 organizations, including fraternal groups, student government, and service organizations.		
Austin B. Foye Probable career field: Mathematics	MOUNT PLEASANT 29466	WANDO H. S., MOUNT PLEASANT
NATIONAL MERIT UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SCHOLARSHIP The University of North Texas is the leading university of the Dallas-Fort Worth region. Listed as one of America's 100 best college buys, UNT offers 96 Bachelor's, 126 Master's, and 47 Doctoral degree programs. Located 30 minutes north of Dallas and Fort Worth, the Denton university has an outstanding faculty, many nationally recognized programs and more than 27,000 students. UNT offers the quality of a private institution at an affordable price, as exemplified by its 16:1 student-faculty ratio.		
Sarah G. Rickborn Probable career field: Aerospace Engineering	MOUNT PLEASANT 29464	WANDO H. S., MOUNT PLEASANT
NATIONAL MERIT RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is a coeducational, technological university in the Capital District of Upstate N.Y. The first School of Engineering & Applied Science in North America, Rensselaer continues its long tradition of educating problem solvers by combining rigorous mathematics and science programs with studies in the humanities and social sciences. More than 4,000 undergraduates and 1,300 graduates compose a student body representing all 50 states and over 60 foreign countries.		
Adrian J. Anderson Probable career field: Medicine	MURRELLS INLET 29576	ST. JAMES H. S., MURRELLS INLET
NATIONAL MERIT COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON SCHOLARSHIP Founded in 1770 and chartered in 1785, the College of Charleston is the thirteenth oldest institution of higher education in the United States and the oldest in South Carolina. Currently ranked among the top liberal arts and sciences institutions in the Southeast, it is recognized for its excellent faculty and innovative programs. The college offers more than 49 majors and 22 interdisciplinary minors to approximately 9,900 undergraduates.		
John B. Barnett Probable career field: Law	MURRELLS INLET 29576	ST. JAMES H. S., MURRELLS INLET
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Evan J. Barker Probable career field: Mathematics	MYRTLE BEACH 29575	SOCASTEE H. S., MYRTLE BEACH
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Cody G. King Probable career field: Biochemical Engineering	MYRTLE BEACH 29579	CAROLINA FOREST H. S., MYRTLE BEACH
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Kristopher Reagan McQueen Probable career field: Mechanical Engineering	MYRTLE BEACH 29577	MYRTLE BEACH H. S., MYRTLE BEACH
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Anna Leigh Tangeman Probable career field: Veterinary Medicine	NORTH CHARLESTON 29405	ACADEMIC MAGNET H. S., NORTH CHARLESTON
NATIONAL MERIT LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO SCHOLARSHIP Loyola University Chicago is nationally ranked as a top university and as a 'best value' for education. As one of the largest Jesuit universities in the U.S., there are 13,000 students, 9 schools and colleges, 3 Chicago lakeside campuses, plus the Loyola University Medical Center and the Rome Center of Liberal Arts in Italy. Loyola offers 144 programs of study for undergraduate, graduate, professional and continuing education students, leading to 27 different degrees.		

Amanda J. Lam

WEST COLUMBIA 29169

BROOKLAND- CAYCE H. S., CAYCE

Probable career field: Landscape Architecture

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