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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

MARYLAND

ABERDEEN

ABERDEEN H. S.
710 Huang, Catherine G.

ANNAPOLIS

BROADNECK H. S.
790 Morse, Anna S.

BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE CITY COLLEGE
600 Morrel, Jessica M.
454 Rubin, Brooks J.
906 Sacco, Carolyn E.

BALTIMORE SCHOOL FOR
THE ARTS
000 Boehringer, Emeline J.

BRYN MAWR SCHOOL
400 Macksey, Elizabeth A.
742 Nurminsky, Katherine M.

CALVERT HALL COLLEGE H. S.
450 Davies, Emlyn S.
999 Miller, Christopher J.
907 Purcell, John F.

CARVER CENTER FOR ARTS
AND TECHNOLOGY
999 Chen, Veronica R.
773 Fuchs, Jonathan D.

BETH TFILOH DAHAN
COMMUNITY H. S.
628 Arking, Andrew Z.

EASTERN TECHNICAL H. S.
457 Davidson, Quinton T.

FRIENDS SCHOOL
999 Brooks, Joshua C.
907 Davis, Hunter L.
559 Davis, Jackson D.
451 De Vinne, Nicholas S.

GILMAN SCHOOL
000 de Havenon, Victor

THE PARK SCHOOL
791 Brill-Carlart, Clara C.
999 Dy, Jeremy
999 Sapirstein, Abel

PERRY HALL H. S.
999 Banks, Olivia A.

BERLIN

WORCESTER PREPARATORY
SCHOOL
000 Schwartz, Ava L.

BETHESDA

BETHESDA - CHEVY CHASE H. S.
999 Benzmiller, Theodore P.
628 Bowers, Caitlin E.
456 Chan, Kelsey P.
999 Gerard, Thomas A.
722 Guttman, Evyatar
455 Klueter, Samuel
907 Smyth, Conor M.
999 Tomeh, Natalie R.
999 Zehner, Katherine M.

HOLTON - ARMS SCHOOL
999 Babbit, Katherine M.
999 Baker, Lillian G.
999 Berthiaume, Leanora C.
999 Hertzler-McCain, Aleja C.
400 Hewlett, Katharine K.
553 Nordquist, Annika A.

WALTER JOHNSON H. S.
000 Ferry, John W.
843 Gancz, Michael A.
162 Khawaja, Imran S.

740 Leal, Sebastian D.
710 Mattapallil, Noah J.
162 McKinney, Alyssa C.
454 Pavletic, Oliver R.
999 Skinner, Thomas B.
999 van Gelderen, Evelien Q.

LANDON SCHOOL
000 Tang, Jason J.

STONE RIDGE SCHOOL OF THE
SACRED HEART
450 Rhodes, Nora
000 Wellisz, Aleksandra J.

WALT WHITMAN H. S.
999 Baker, Justin E.
550 Beske, Genevieve
000 Gold, Noah P.
999 Hallward-Driemeier, Andrew H.
628 Hwang, Sun-Bin
830 Mishra, Tanusha
559 Rifkind, Gabriela J.
821 Robertsgaal, Miklos X.
200 Segal, Ella
161 Steighner, Joshua R.

BOONSBORO

BOONSBORO H. S.
000 McClellan, Cameron J.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

BOHEMIA MANOR H. S.
467 Giedzinski, Samuel C.
303 Roelofs, Sean F.

CLARKSVILLE

RIVER HILL H. S.
950 Baronowsky, Nicholas L.
520 Caine, Paige
303 Hu, Iris J.
160 Kelley, Natalie A.
722 Kim, Nicholas
208 Torre, Nicholas F.
628 Tung, Renee J.
162 Wei, Alice D.
161 Xu, Benjamin

COLUMBIA

ATHOLTON H. S.
627 Bagley, Elizabeth A.
121 Fu, Samantha
301 Lin, Timothy B.
742 Myers, Alexander R.

HAMMOND H. S.
303 Kerry, Jessica D.

HOMESCHOOL

741 Reilly, Nolan M.
741 Reilly, Sonia M.

OAKLAND MILLS H. S.
792 Kirk-Davidoff, Rosa L.

WILDE LAKE H. S.
450 Boone, Caroline G.

EASTON

STS. PETER AND PAUL H. S.
450 Sanford, Mimi C.

EDGEWATER

SOUTH RIVER H. S.
457 Rancic, Mihailo S.
162 Wu, Tatiana X.

ELLICOTT CITY

CENTENNIAL H. S.
454 Byun, Suzie Y.
000 Krawczyk, Ryan T.
164 Laljani, Rohan M.
459 Li, Jason J.
166 Liu, Ivy
740 Monroe, Mary F.
740 Neerchal, Siri
999 Saini, Sahil S.
999 Singh, Jade A.

302 Wei, Allison
450 Wu, Gordon
600 Zhao, Emmy Z.
999 Zhu, Angela D.
200 Zou, Nicholas S.

HOWARD H. S.
628 Shah, Rohan S.

MOUNT HEBRON H. S.
454 Phatak, Anupama
450 Rallabhandi, Saipranav

FREDERICK

HOMESCHOOL
999 Harvey, Joseph M.
160 Hurwitz, Madelyn M.

LINGANORE H. S.
628 McCann, Brendan M.

FULTON

RESERVOIR H. S.
600 Choi, Joshua Y.

GAITHERSBURG

GAITHERSBURG H. S.
999 Khan, Yousef A.

HOMESCHOOL

454 Coile, Rachel

QUINCE ORCHARD H. S.
950 Bauer, Michael G.

GERMANTOWN

NORTHWEST H. S.
000 Schlunk, Erika M.

GLEN BURNIE

GLEN BURNIE H. S.
303 Roper, Robin T.

GLENELG

GLENELG H. S.
160 Daniel, Robel
160 Patsy, Marisa R.
722 Wang, Martin

GREAT MILLS

GREAT MILLS H. S.
843 Beaulieu, Michelle M.
628 Luke, Jude C.
771 Shah, Arhum A.

GREENBELT

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT H. S.
161 Banko, Abel B.
999 Baumann, Victor
999 Hurtt, Stella B.
303 Roy, Shilpa E.
999 Zhang, Christine

IJAMSVILLE

OAKDALE H. S.
904 Gipson, Carter T.

URBANA H. S.

185 Dayaprema, Anuk K.
202 Kim, Mia M.
160 Li, Katherine Y.
451 Ramanathan, Keshav
160 Singhal, Anushka
999 Sun, Jinghan

KENSINGTON

ACADEMY OF THE HOLY CROSS
522 Menjivar, Brittany M.

LEONARDTOWN

ST. MARY'S RYKEN H. S.
901 Tran, Tiffany B.

MARRIOTTSVILLE

MARRIOTT'S RIDGE H. S.
600 Ahn, Elise S.
302 Lam, Samuel
821 Liu, Yixuan
303 Shen, Samuel W.

MIDDLETOWN

MIDDLETOWN H. S.
450 Bertulaitis, Meredith M.

MILLERSVILLE

ROCKBRIDGE ACADEMY
467 Ault, Nathan D.
742 Craig, Alexander K.
466 Mungan, Annabel L.

NORTH BETHESDA

GEORGETOWN PREPARATORY
SCHOOL
300 Wenger, Jonathan X.
999 Wood, Zachary S.

NORTH EAST

TOME SCHOOL
450 Tsiouplis, Nikolas J.

OLNEY

OUR LADY OF GOOD
COUNSEL H. S.
162 Adams, Noah K.
302 Coronado, Neil Emmanuel M.
303 Harrington, Michael H.
907 Schiffrin, Elianna C.

OWINGS MILLS

MC DONOUGH SCHOOL
000 Insley, Jeffers A.

PARKTON

HEREFORD H. S.
740 Field, Hunter I.
455 Nawrocki, Robert J.

PASADENA

CHESAPEAKE H. S.
457 Daubert, Augustus

POOLESVILLE

POOLESVILLE H. S.
999 Bentz, Emma N.
200 Chen, Chris M.
999 Feng, Matthew R.
450 Kane, Zubin A.
168 Kwon, Nathan Y.
999 Leng, Caroline P.
999 Mohammed, Azeem S.
303 Mundra, Ishan S.
000 Niu, Wally L.
162 Rahman, Kashif
999 Sun, Hannah M.

POTOMAC

WINSTON CHURCHILL H. S.
204 Chen, Jennifer
300 Chen, Michael
450 Gaur, Sheila
450 Goldsmith, Matthew
999 Miller, David Y.
999 Roberts, Valerie
628 Zhao, Jack Y.

HEIGHTS SCHOOL

450 Goyette, William M.
999 Hlavin, John F.

REISTERSTOWN

FRANKLIN H. S.
000 Kiley, Thomas E.
000 Orr, Dylan J.

ROCKVILLE

RICHARD MONTGOMERY H. S.
723 Balfour, Taylor M.
600 Beckford, Charlotte J.
628 Chen, Delia
628 Chen, Jenny
300 Chen, Joshua D.
900 Edimo, David
455 Franke, Madeleine M.
250 Grant, Daisy M.
450 Hartman, Malory G.
946 Ji, Jessica L.
836 Kandakumar, Manoj
450 Lang, Eric Y.
940 Lee, Kern
212 Li, Joseph M.
999 Li, Simon M.
162 Li, Xinwei
999 Lin, Erica
000 Maldonado, Peter H.
999 Mendley, Jonathan Y.
999 Moss, Max L.
999 Rajagopal, Mekala
906 Shen, Fonda W.
160 Stepanova, Nataliya P.
209 Sun, Grace Z.

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Maryland (continued)

454 Tohan, Sunil
000 Wan, Sophia
200 Wang, Katherine M.
520 Wong, William L.
162 Wu, Jerry T.
628 Yan, Alisa
457 Zarger, Faaiq A.
950 Zhang, Hannah
900 Zhao, Helen
740 Zhao, Jason
906 Zheng, Heavenly C.

**CHARLES E. SMITH JEWISH
DAY SCHOOL**
000 Horwitz, Jared S.
833 Mintz, Abigail R.

THOMAS SPRIGG WOOTTON H. S.
906 Altman, Rachel M.
302 An, Lindsay
454 Chitnis, Chaitali V.
999 Fishman, Jared M.
600 Henry, Lillian
628 Hu, Clarice L.
999 Hu, Lydia
200 Hu, Michelle
628 Kau, Nathan S.
450 Kong, Kristin
720 Liu, Ethan
999 Pothuri, Arjun S.
999 Song, Jaeha
470 Tran, Abbie
955 Venkateswaran, Roma

SALISBURY
JAMES M. BENNETT H. S.
870 Selser, Nicholas J.

SANDY SPRING
SANDY SPRING FRIENDS SCHOOL
999 Diba, Penn M.

SHERWOOD H. S.
999 Banerjee, Aranya
454 Jung, Jae

SEVERNA PARK
SEVERN SCHOOL
999 Olmert, Charles E.

SEVERNA PARK H. S.
450 Agnihotri, Richa
454 Bratton, Claire A.
302 Cook, Davis P.
450 Smith, Tyler B.
999 Widmer, Abigail G.

SILVER SPRING
MONTGOMERY BLAIR H. S.
302 Anwar, Ali A.
185 Badalamente, Griffin S.
830 Barth, Anna R.
999 Bhargava, Ankit
619 Borton, Amy C.
302 Busis, Daniel S.
843 Chattopadhyay, Sambuddha
303 Chen, Daniel S.
999 Chen, Ethan E.
302 Chudamani, Maya G.
628 Cook, Eleanor E.
160 Dalvi, Rohan M.
628 David, Sandeep J.
000 Fan, Sherry X.
000 Fang, Annie
000 Fang, Jessica
837 Fernandes, Joshua B.
430 Field, Gabriel D.
843 Friedlander, Noah H.
450 Guo, Raymond L.
843 Hartmann, William
185 Healey, Nicholas M.
160 Jacobsohn, Benjamin N.
454 Jin, Emma L.
628 Lamb, Derek R.
200 Li, Simin
161 Liu, Calvin Q.
628 Liu, Sophia
999 Lu-Yang, Juliana
185 Ma, Alex C.
302 Martin, Elia F.
430 Merlo-Coyne, John P.
999 Miao, Alex S.
904 Phoolsombat, Ramida

450 Price, Kendall I.
170 Sarkar, Neal M.
843 Shetty, Aditi K.
301 Shonkwiler, Lara E.
836 Vinson, James S.
628 Wang, Richard L.
600 Zhang, Minie

SPRINGBROOK H. S.
999 Giron, Carlos R.

WHEATON H. S.
907 Gil, Liam F.
970 Kaufman, Blake J.

SMITHSBURG
SMITHSBURG H. S.
202 Lee, Jade S.

STEVENSVILLE
KENT ISLAND H. S.
185 Pauley, Samantha E.

SYKESVILLE
CENTURY H. S.
600 Parks, Maya R.

TIMONIUM
DULANEY H. S.
000 Clark, Julia L.
000 Rothman, Meera A.
000 Sun, Daniel

TOWSON
LOYOLA BLAKEFIELD H. S.
450 Barker, Andrew J.
999 Kinkopf, Paul D.
904 McErlean, Jacob D.

**NOTRE DAME
PREPARATORY SCHOOL**
999 Sullivan, Grace E.

TOWSON H. S.
999 Hula, Brennan W.

WALKERSVILLE
WALKERSVILLE H. S.
894 Handwerk, Jessica