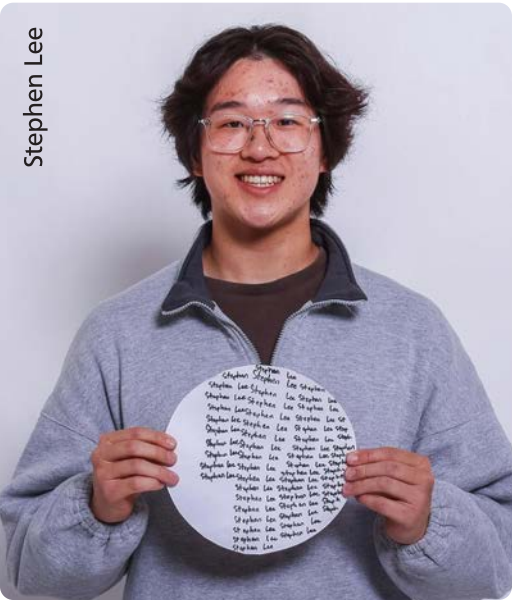


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What does it take to become a National Merit Scholar?

1,300,000

Entrants take the Preliminary SAT test (PSAT) in junior year.



50,000

High scorers are notified in April.



16,000

Semifinalists become eligible for scholarships in senior year.



15,000

Finalists are presented with Certificates of Merit

SENIOR SEMIFINALISTS

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

The National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSP), a national scholarship competition run by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), involved students competing for recognition from colleges around the USA. Founded in 1995, the NMSP is still extremely recognized today. To qualify for the NMSP, you must take the Preliminary SAT (PSAT), also known as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQST), in your third year (junior year) of high school, and you must be enrolled as a high school student in either a traditional or homeschool setting. Approximately 50,000 students were recognized as National Merit Scholar Semifinalists in the 2023-2024 school year by their high test scores on the PSAT/NMQST.

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