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NATIONAL MERIT® SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

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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.

Today's announcement is the third National Merit Scholar release in 2024 by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®). NMSC named recipients of corporate-sponsored awards on April 24 and winners of National Merit® \$2500 Scholarships on May 8. Additional recipients of college-sponsored awards will be announced on July 15. By the conclusion of this year's competition, more than 6,870 academic champions will have won National Merit Scholarships worth approximately \$26 million.

College-Sponsored Merit Scholarship Winners

(Evanston, Illinois) Today, National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced over 2,900 winners of National Merit Scholarships financed by U.S. colleges and universities. Officials of each sponsor college selected their scholarship winners from among the Finalists in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program who plan to attend their institution. These awards provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship. An additional group of Scholars will be announced in July, bringing the total number of college-sponsored Merit Scholarship recipients in the 2024 competition to more than 3,600.

This year, 149 higher education institutions are underwriting Merit Scholarship awards through the National Merit Scholarship Program. Sponsor colleges and universities include 77 private and 72 public institutions located in 42 states and the District of Columbia.

College-sponsored Merit Scholarship winners announced today are a part of the distinguished group of more than 6,870 high school seniors who will receive National Merit Scholarships for college undergraduate study worth nearly \$26 million. Earlier this spring, NMSC announced winners of corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards and National Merit \$2500 Scholarships.

2024 National Merit Scholarship Competition

High school juniors entered the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program when they took the 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Last fall, 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 compete for Merit Scholarship awards, Semifinalists first had to advance to the Finalist level of the competition by fulfilling additional requirements. Each Semifinalist was asked to submit a detailed scholarship application, which included writing an essay and providing information about extracurricular activities, awards, and leadership positions. Semifinalists also had to have an outstanding academic record, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, and earn SAT® or ACT® scores that confirmed the qualifying test performance. From the Semifinalist group, over 15,000 met requirements for Finalist standing, and about half of the Finalists will be Merit Scholarship winners in 2024.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 to conduct the National Merit Scholarship Program. The majority of National Merit Scholarships provided each year are made possible by the support of approximately 320 independent corporate and college sponsors. These sponsors join NMSC in its efforts to enhance educational opportunities for America's scholastically talented youth and to 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.

Jonah R. Wagner Probable career field: Law	ALEXANDER 72002	BRYANT H. S., BRYANT
NATIONAL MERIT HARDING UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP Harding University, a private institution with a strong Christian tradition, is one of the nation's finest mid-sized universities. Students come to Harding from all 50 states and 45 foreign nations. The 4,000 undergraduates pursue degree programs in 77 major fields in Arts, Sciences, Business, Education, and Nursing. Students attend classes on the main campus in Arkansas and in Italy, England, Greece, Chile, and Australia, with a graduate seminary in Memphis, TN.		
Clara E. Nikkel Probable career field: Pharmaceutical Science	BATESVILLE 72501	BATESVILLE H. S., BATESVILLE
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Logan G. Geissler Probable career field: Engineering	BENTON 72019	BRYANT H. S., BRYANT
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Tanner M. Holden Probable career field: Engineering	BENTON 72019	BENTON H. S., BENTON
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Kaleb M. Marshall Probable career field: Medicine	BENTON 72019	BENTON H. S., BENTON
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Julia A. Murray Probable career field: Nursing	BENTON 72019	BRYANT H. S., BRYANT
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Oliver C. Catagnus Probable career field: Mechanical Engineering	BENTONVILLE 72713	BENTONVILLE H. S., BENTONVILLE
NATIONAL MERIT UNIVERSITY OF TULSA SCHOLARSHIP The University of Tulsa consists of five undergraduate colleges, a college of law and a graduate school. A full-time undergraduate and graduate enrollment of some 5,000 students from all the states and 40 foreign countries are taught by a faculty of more than 350, with over 70 percent of the full-time faculty members holding earned doctorates. Six baccalaureate degrees are offered, and graduate and professional degrees are offered in over 10 areas.		
Amber H. Chadwick Probable career field: English Literature	BENTONVILLE 72712	HAAS HALL ACADEMY, BENTONVILLE
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Alexander A. Moeller Probable career field: Nuclear Engineering	BENTONVILLE 72712	HAAS HALL ACADEMY, BENTONVILLE
NATIONAL MERIT MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP Missouri University of Science and Technology, with an enrollment of about 5,000 male and female students, offers top degree programs in Engineering, Sciences, and Liberal Arts. Missouri S&T ranks seventh in the country in undergraduate degrees granted in Engineering. The campus is located near the Ozarks of central Missouri (with its recreational opportunities) and near metropolitan St. Louis (with its cultural offerings). It is one of four University of Missouri campuses.		
Mya K. Negley Probable career field: Business Administration	BENTONVILLE 72712	BENTONVILLE H. S., BENTONVILLE
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Samuel J. Prakash Probable career field: Cardiology	BENTONVILLE 72713	BENTONVILLE H. S., BENTONVILLE
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John T. Ring Probable career field: Undecided	BENTONVILLE 72712	BENTONVILLE H. S., BENTONVILLE
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Colin Michael Sheehan Probable career field: Biochemistry	BENTONVILLE 72712	BENTONVILLE WEST H. S., CENTERTON
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Rikhil Tadiparthi Probable career field: Mechanical Engineering	BENTONVILLE 72713	BENTONVILLE H. S., BENTONVILLE
NATIONAL MERIT PURDUE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP Purdue University is a state-assisted university system with students on five campuses. Among the 25 largest colleges and universities in the nation, Purdue's West Lafayette campus enrollment exceeds 34,000. Undergraduate education at the West Lafayette campus is organized by academic schools: Agriculture; Consumer and Family Sciences; Education; Engineering; Liberal Arts; Management; Pharmacy, Nursing and Health Sciences; Science; Technology; and Veterinary Medicine.		
Ryan B. Decker Probable career field: Business	CABOT 72023	CABOT H. S., CABOT
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Chandler G. Ford Probable career field: Computer Science	CABOT 72023	CABOT H. S., CABOT
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Evangeline N. Montgomery Probable career field: Molecular Biology	CONWAY 72034	CONWAY H. S., CONWAY
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Jacob W. Regehr Probable career field: Mechanical Engineering	CONWAY 72034	CONWAY H. S., CONWAY
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James H. Xin Probable career field: Mechanical Engineering	CONWAY 72034	CONWAY H. S., CONWAY
NATIONAL MERIT ROSE-HULMAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, founded in 1874, is a privately endowed college of Science and Engineering, situated just east of Terre Haute, Indiana. Rose-Hulman is a member of the major academic and engineering associations. A small school (2,000 enrollment) by choice, Rose-Hulman encourages creativity and initiative. Laboratories are designed for individual experimentation rather than group demonstrations.		
Tim J. Yang Probable career field: Mechanical Engineering	CONWAY 72034	CONWAY H. S., CONWAY
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Elijah P. Narciso Probable career field: Psychiatry	EL DORADO 71730	WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, EL DORADO
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Oscar B. Brewer Probable career field: Medicine	FAYETTEVILLE 72704	FAYETTEVILLE H. S., FAYETTEVILLE
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Katherine E. Henry Probable career field: Law	FAYETTEVILLE 72703	HAAS HALL ACADEMY, FAYETTEVILLE
NATIONAL MERIT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP The University of Southern California is private, coeducational, and nonsectarian, and is located in the heart of the city of Los Angeles. Undergraduate enrollment is nearly 14,000 students. The College of Letters, Arts and Sciences is complemented by 19 professional and graduate schools offering undergraduate and graduate degrees. Graduate enrollment is about 12,000.		
Samantha F. Horax Probable career field: Computer Programming	FAYETTEVILLE 72704	FAYETTEVILLE H. S., FAYETTEVILLE
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Kelsey H. Jung Probable career field: Business	FAYETTEVILLE 72701	FAYETTEVILLE H. S., FAYETTEVILLE
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Ezra G. Van Horn Probable career field: Biomedical Engineering	FAYETTEVILLE 72704	FAYETTEVILLE H. S., FAYETTEVILLE
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Maleah E. Cole Probable career field: Biomedical Engineering	FORT SMITH 72903	GREENWOOD H. S., GREENWOOD
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Elizabeth H. Loe Probable career field: Law	FORT SMITH 72903	SOUTHSIDE H. S., FORT SMITH
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Jack R. Gruman Probable career field: Software Engineering	JONESBORO 72401	THE ACADEMIES AT JONESBORO H. S., JONESBORO
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Chiking Vang Probable career field: Computer Science	LINCOLN 72744	ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS, HOT SPRINGS
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Luke William Beck Probable career field: Law	LITTLE ROCK 72212	CENTRAL H. S., LITTLE ROCK
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Rebecca L. Burnett Probable career field: Pharmacy	LITTLE ROCK 72223	MOUNT ST. MARY ACADEMY, LITTLE ROCK
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John Davenport Probable career field: Computer Science	LITTLE ROCK 72211	CENTRAL H. S., LITTLE ROCK
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Kevin Durden Probable career field: Electrical Engineering	LITTLE ROCK 72223	CENTRAL H. S., LITTLE ROCK
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Andrew Jones Probable career field: Business	LITTLE ROCK 72207	EPISCOPAL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL, LITTLE ROCK
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Shashitej Mummadi Probable career field: Medicine	LITTLE ROCK 72210	CENTRAL H. S., LITTLE ROCK
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Zachary Butler Needham Probable career field: Aerospace Engineering	LITTLE ROCK 72211	CENTRAL H. S., LITTLE ROCK
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James O. Norman III Probable career field: Business	LITTLE ROCK 72223	BAPTIST PREPARATORY SCHOOL, LITTLE ROCK
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Hayati Sahin Probable career field: Software Engineering	LITTLE ROCK 72223	LISA WEST H. S., LITTLE ROCK
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Bhavana Sridharan Probable career field: Medicine	LITTLE ROCK 72211	CENTRAL H. S., LITTLE ROCK
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Rose Walters Probable career field: Medicine	LITTLE ROCK 72205	CENTRAL H. S., LITTLE ROCK
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Walker Williams-Frueauff Probable career field: Commercial Art	LITTLE ROCK 72227	CATHOLIC H. S. FOR BOYS, LITTLE ROCK
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Matthew R. Murray Probable career field: Theology	MANILA 72442	MANILA H. S., MANILA
NATIONAL MERIT OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP Ouachita Baptist University is a private, liberal arts, residential university located in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Ouachita is consistently ranked in the top five in academics among regional comprehensive universities. Undergraduate degrees are offered in over 40 majors and 11 preprofessional programs with a low student-faculty ratio. Enrollment is approximately 1,500 and includes students from 35 states and 57 countries with forty percent of students from out of state.		
Caleb J. Thomas Probable career field: Computer Science	MAUMELLE 72113	HOMESCHOOL
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Savannah G. Eanes Probable career field: Mechanical Engineering	NORTH LITTLE ROCK 72116	MOUNT ST. MARY ACADEMY, LITTLE ROCK
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Carter R. Horton Probable career field: Biomedical Engineering	NORTH LITTLE ROCK 72118	ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS, HOT SPRINGS
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Anna G. Wright Probable career field: Meteorology	POTTSVILLE 72858	ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS, HOT SPRINGS
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Elijah M. Anderson Probable career field: Aviation	ROGERS 72758	ROGERS H. S., ROGERS
NATIONAL MERIT EMBRY-RIDDLE SCHOLARSHIP Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University educates undergraduate and graduate students at its residential campuses in Daytona Beach, FL, and Prescott, AZ. We offer over 80 degree programs in our colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Security and Intelligence, and Aviation. Our technologically enriched, student centered environment emphasizes learning through collaboration, teamwork and a focus on the development of the professional skills needed for participation in a global community.		
Ivan A. Freeman Probable career field: Engineering	ROGERS 72758	HAAS HALL ACADEMY, ROGERS
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Brett E. Gaffney Probable career field: Marketing	ROGERS 72756	ROGERS HERITAGE H. S., ROGERS
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Benjamin R. Goolsby Probable career field: Engineering	ROGERS 72758	ROGERS H. S., ROGERS
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Carson S. Jackson Probable career field: Education	ROGERS 72756	ROGERS HERITAGE H. S., ROGERS
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Hayden Daniel Probable career field: Electrical Engineering	RUSSELLVILLE 72802	RUSSELLVILLE H. S., RUSSELLVILLE
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Ellen G. Howell Probable career field: Engineering	SEARCY 72143	SEARCY H. S., SEARCY
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Stephen A. Mitchell Probable career field: Religious Service	SEARCY 72143	HARDING ACADEMY, SEARCY
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Eliot C. Posey Probable career field: Architecture	SILOAM SPRINGS 72761	SILOAM SPRINGS H. S., SILOAM SPRINGS
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Samuel M. Carrero Probable career field: Computer Science	SPRINGDALE 72764	SPRINGDALE SCHOOL OF INNOVATION, SPRINGDALE
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William Henley Probable career field: Medicine	SPRINGDALE 72764	PROVIDENCE CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY, ROGERS
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