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# National Merit<sup>®</sup> Scholarship Program

To enter the National Merit Scholarship Program and compete for recognition and 9,700 scholarships to be offered in 2011:

- Take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT<sup>®</sup>) in October 2009.

*Program entrants must take the test in the specified year of the high school program (see page 5). The 2009 PSAT/NMSQT is the qualifying test for entry to the 2011 program. Most entrants will complete high school and enroll in college in 2011.*

- Meet other entry requirements.

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# Steps in the 2011 National Merit® Scholarship Competition

**1,500,000 Entrants.** In October 2009, U.S. high school students who take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) and meet other program requirements will enter the 2011 competition for National Merit Scholarship Program recognition and scholarships. Nearly all program participants (entrants) will be juniors planning to enter college in 2011.

## PARTICIPANTS WHO QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM RECOGNITION

**50,000 High Scorers.** NMSC uses PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index scores (the sum of critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills scores) to determine participants who qualify for program recognition. In April 2010, high-scoring participants from every state will be offered the College Plans Reporting Service. These students will be invited to name two colleges or universities to which they would like to be referred by NMSC.

**34,000 Commended Students.** In late September 2010, more than two-thirds of the 50,000 high scorers will receive Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise, but they will not continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships. However, some of these students may be candidates for Special Scholarships provided by corporate and business sponsors.

**16,000 Semifinalists.** In early September 2010, nearly a third of the 50,000 high scorers will be notified that they have qualified as Semifinalists. Semifinalists are the highest-scoring entrants in each state. NMSC will notify them through their schools and provide scholarship application materials explaining requirements to advance in the competition for National Merit Scholarships to be offered in 2011.

**15,000 Finalists.** In February 2011, Semifinalists who meet academic and other requirements will be notified that they have advanced to Finalist standing. All National Merit Scholarship winners (Merit Scholar® awardees) will be chosen from this group of Finalists, based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments.

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

**1,500 Special Scholarship recipients.** Beginning in March 2011, NMSC will notify winners of Special Scholarships provided by corporate sponsors. Recipients, chosen from candidates sent scholarship application materials in December 2010, will be outstanding students (although not Finalists) who meet their sponsors' eligibility criteria. Sponsors will handle public announcement of their Special Scholarship winners.

**8,200 Merit Scholarship® winners.** Beginning in March 2011, NMSC will notify winners of the three types of National Merit Scholarships:

- National Merit® \$2500 Scholarships
- Corporate-sponsored scholarships
- College-sponsored scholarships

In April, May, and July, NMSC will release names of Merit Scholar designees to news media for public announcement.

# The 2011 Competition Begins in 2009

The National Merit® Scholarship Program is an annual academic competition among high school students for recognition and college scholarships. The program is conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance.

The 2009 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) is the qualifying test for entry to the 2011 National Merit Program. The competition will span about 18 months from entry in October 2009 until the spring of 2011 when scholarships for college undergraduate study will be awarded. It is expected that about 3.5 million students will take the PSAT/NMSQT in 2009, and over 1.5 million of them will meet requirements to enter this program.

## Entry Requirements

To enter the 2011 National Merit Program, a student must meet **all** of the following requirements. He or she must:

1. be enrolled as a high school student, progressing normally toward graduation or completion of high school by 2011, and planning to enter college no later than the fall of 2011;
2. be a citizen of the United States; or be a U.S. lawful permanent resident (or have applied for permanent residence, the application for which has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law (see below for documentation required from scholarship candidates who have not yet become U.S. citizens); and

3. take the 2009 PSAT/NMSQT in the specified year of the high school program and no later than the third year in grades 9 through 12, regardless of grade classification or educational pattern (explained in the next section).

A student's responses to items "a" through "d" in Section 13 of the 2009 PSAT/NMSQT Answer Sheet (see below) are used to determine whether he or she meets these requirements.

<p>13a. Are you enrolled as a high school student?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>13b. When will you complete or leave high school and enroll full time in college?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 2010</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 2011</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 2012</p> <p><input type="radio"/> after 2012</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Not planning to attend college</p>
<p>13c. How many years will you spend in grades 9 through 12?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 4 years</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 3 years</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 2 years</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 1 year</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 5 or more years</p>
<p>13d. Are you a citizen of the United States?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No, but I am a U.S. lawful permanent resident (or have applied for permanent residence, the application for which has not been denied) and I intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>

The NMSC Programs section of the PSAT/NMSQT Score Report shows the student's responses to these questions and whether entry requirements have been met.

### Not yet a U.S. citizen?

If you qualify to continue in the 2011 competition (as a Semifinalist or Special Scholarship candidate) **and** you have not yet become a U.S. citizen, you will be required to send the following documentation to NMSC with your Scholarship Application:

- A letter signed by you explaining your plans for becoming a citizen, including the date on which you expect to be eligible and will apply for U.S. citizenship

AND

- **If you are a U.S. lawful permanent resident**, a copy of your Permanent Resident Card (Green Card); or a copy of your passport including the identity/biographical page and the "I-551" stamp showing that you have been granted lawful permanent resident status

OR

- **If you have applied for U.S. lawful permanent residence**, a copy of Form I-797 Receipt Notice from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) that verifies you filed the "Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status" (Form I-485). *Note: Form I-797 Receipt Notice must be received by NMSC on or before January 31, 2011.*

## When to Take the Test

To participate in the National Merit Program, students must take the PSAT/NMSQT in the specified year of their high school program.

**1. Students who plan to spend the usual four years in high school (grades 9 through 12) before entering college full time** must take the qualifying test in their third year of high school (grade 11, junior year).

**Sophomores** who take the 2009 PSAT/NMSQT but plan to spend four years in grades 9 through 12 will **not** meet entry requirements for the 2011 National Merit Program. They must take the PSAT/NMSQT again in 2010 (when they are juniors) to enter the competition that will end when scholarships are awarded in 2012, the year they will complete high school and enter college.

**2. Students who plan to leave high school early to enroll in college full time, after spending three years or less in grades 9 through 12**, usually can participate in the National Merit Program if they take the PSAT/NMSQT before they enroll in college. To enter the 2011 competition, these students must be in either the *next-to-last* or the *last year* of high school when they take the 2009 PSAT/NMSQT:

- a) if they are in the *next-to-last year* of high school when they take the 2009 PSAT/NMSQT, they will be finishing their last high school year when awards are offered in 2011; or
- b) if they are in their *last year* of high school when they take the 2009 PSAT/NMSQT, they will be completing their first year of college when scholarships are awarded in 2011.

**3. Students who plan to participate in a post-secondary enrollment options program** (through which they enroll simultaneously in *both* high school and college) must take the qualifying test in their third year of high school (grade 11, junior year). To enter the competition that ends when scholarships are offered in 2011, these students must be in their third year of high school when they take the 2009 PSAT/NMSQT, the same as all other students who plan to spend four years in grades 9 through 12. The high school determines whether a student is participating in a postsecondary enrollment options program and certifies the student's status.

**Note:** If your high school standing and enrollment do not fit one of the preceding descriptions (1, 2, or 3) because you plan to spend more than four years in grades 9 through 12, or for any other reason, contact NMSC immediately about entry to the National Merit Program.

### Unable to Take the PSAT/NMSQT?

If you do not take the 2009 PSAT/NMSQT because of illness, an emergency, or other extenuating circumstance, you may still be able to enter NMSC's 2011 competitions. To request information about alternate testing after the October 2009 PSAT/NMSQT administration, WRITE to NMSC as soon as possible but no later than March 1, 2010. **Do not delay**; the earlier you write, the more options you will have for scheduling test dates.

Mail your request to:

National Merit Scholarship Corporation  
Attn: Educational Services  
1560 Sherman Avenue, Suite 200  
Evanston, IL 60201-4897

**Your letter must be postmarked on or before March 1, 2010 for your request to be considered.**

## Program Recognition

NMSC uses PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index scores (the sum of the critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills scores) as an initial screen of more than 1.5 million program entrants. The 2009 test scores of all students who meet entry requirements for the 2011 program will be considered. Entrants whose scores qualify them for recognition will be contacted by NMSC through their high schools.

**College Plans Reporting Service.** Approximately 50,000 program participants with the highest Selection Index scores will be offered the College Plans Reporting Service. In April 2010, NMSC will contact these high scorers through their high schools and give them an opportunity to be referred to two U.S. colleges or universities of their choice. Then in late July, NMSC will send information to the two institutions named by each student who responds. The purpose of this free and optional referral service is to encourage college officials to contact these scholastically talented students about opportunities for admission and financial aid.

**Commended Students.** In September 2010, more than two-thirds (about 34,000) of the high scorers will be designated Commended Students. They will be named

on the basis of a nationally applied Selection Index qualifying score that may vary from year to year. This qualifying score is generally within the 96th percentile of college-bound juniors who take the PSAT/NMSQT.

In recognition of their outstanding ability and potential for academic success in college, these students will be honored with Letters of Commendation sent to them through their high schools. Although Commended Students will not continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships, some may be candidates for Special Scholarships offered by corporate sponsors (see page 8). NMSC will contact those candidates in December 2010.

**Semifinalists.** Some 16,000 of the high scorers, representing less than 1 percent of the nation's high school graduating seniors, will qualify as Semifinalists. Only Semifinalists will have an opportunity to advance in the competition for Merit Scholarship® awards. NMSC will notify Semifinalists of their standing and send scholarship application materials to them through their high schools in September 2010. Their names will be sent to U.S. colleges and released to news media for public announcement in mid-September.

NMSC designates Semifinalists on a state representational basis to ensure that academically able young people from all parts of the United States are included in this talent pool. Using the latest data available, an allocation of Semifinalists is determined for each state, based on the state's percentage of the national total of high school graduating seniors. For example, the number of Semifinalists in a state that enrolls approximately 2 percent of the nation's graduating seniors would be about 320 (2 percent of the 16,000 Semifinalists).

NMSC then arranges the Selection Index scores of all National Merit Program participants within a state in descending order. The score at which a state's allocation is most closely filled becomes the Semifinalist qualifying score. Entrants with a Selection Index at or above the qualifying score are named Semifinalists. As a result of this process, Semifinalist qualifying scores vary from state to state and from year to year, but the scores of all Semifinalists are extremely high.

In addition to Semifinalists designated in each of the 50 states and without affecting the allocation to any state, Semifinalists are named in several other selection units that NMSC establishes for the competition. These units are for students attending schools in the District of Columbia, schools in U.S. commonwealths and territories, schools in other countries that enroll U.S. citizens, and U.S. boarding schools that enroll a sizable proportion of their students from outside the state in which the

school is located. A participant can be considered for Semifinalist standing in only one state or selection unit, based on the high school in which the student is regularly enrolled when taking the PSAT/NMSQT.

**Finalists.** A Semifinalist must fulfill several additional requirements and advance to the Finalist level of the competition before being considered for a National Merit Scholarship. Approximately 90 percent (about 15,000) of the Semifinalists are expected to become Finalists and receive a Certificate of Merit attesting to their distinguished performance in the competition.

To qualify as a Finalist, a Semifinalist must:

1. continue to meet all program entry requirements (explained on page 4);
2. be enrolled in the last year of high school and planning to enroll full time in college the following fall, or be enrolled in the first year of college if grades 9 through 12 were completed in three years or less;
3. complete the National Merit Scholarship Application with all information requested, which includes writing an essay;
4. have a record of very high academic performance in **all** of grades 9 through 12 and in any college course work taken (the high school must provide a complete record of courses taken and grades earned by the student, as well as information about the school's curriculum and grading system);
5. be fully endorsed for Finalist standing and recommended for a National Merit Scholarship by the high school principal;
6. take the SAT® and earn scores that confirm the PSAT/NMSQT performance that resulted in Semifinalist standing; and
7. provide any other documentation and information that NMSC requests.

Only Finalists will be considered for the 8,200 National Merit Scholarships. Before receiving an award, a Finalist must (a) notify NMSC of plans to enroll in a college or university in the United States that holds accredited status with a regional accrediting commission on higher education, and (b) plan to enroll full time in an undergraduate course of study leading to a traditional baccalaureate degree. NMSC scholarship stipends are not payable for attendance at service academies, virtual universities, and certain institutions that are limited in their purposes or training.

## Choosing Scholarship Winners

Approximately half of the Finalists will be Merit Scholarship winners (Merit Scholar® awardees). Winners are chosen on the basis of their abilities, skills, and accomplishments—without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference. Scholarship recipients are the candidates judged to have the greatest potential for success in rigorous college studies and beyond.

The selection process involves evaluating substantial amounts of information about Finalists obtained from both students and their high schools. Included are the Finalist’s academic record (course load and difficulty level, depth and breadth of subjects studied, and grades earned); standardized test scores; the student’s essay; demonstrated leadership and contributions to school and community activities; and the school official’s written recommendation and characterization of the Finalist.

The same process is used to select Special Scholarship winners for a corporate sponsor’s awards.

## Types of Scholarships

Some 8,200 National Merit Scholarships of three types and approximately 1,500 Special Scholarships will be awarded in 2011; these 9,700 awards will have a combined value of more than \$47 million. Different types of scholarships will be offered, but no student can receive more than one monetary award from NMSC.

**National Merit® \$2500 Scholarships.** These awards are unique because every Finalist is considered for one and winners are named in *every* state and other selection units. The number awarded in each state is determined by the same representational procedure used to designate Semifinalists. Finalists compete with all other Finalists in their state for one of the 2,500 National Merit \$2500 Scholarships. Winners are selected by a committee of college admission officers and high school counselors.

National Merit \$2500 Scholarships provide a single payment of \$2,500. NMSC’s own funds support the majority of these scholarships, but corporate sponsors help underwrite these awards with grants they provide to NMSC in lieu of paying administrative fees.

### A Total of 9,700 Scholarships Offered

	National Merit \$2500 Scholarships	Corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarships	Corporate-sponsored Special Scholarships	College-sponsored Merit Scholarships
<b>Who is considered?</b>	All Finalists compete with all other Finalists in their state or other selection unit.	Finalists who meet criteria specified by a corporate sponsor, usually: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• children of employees;</li> <li>• residents of specific communities; or</li> <li>• Finalists with certain college major or career plans</li> </ul>	High performing program participants (although not Finalists) who meet a sponsor’s criteria; most are for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• children of employees;</li> <li>• residents of specific communities; or</li> <li>• participants with certain college major or career plans</li> </ul>	Finalists who plan to attend a sponsor college and have informed NMSC that the sponsor college is their first choice
<b>Who selects winners?</b>	A committee of college admission officers and high school counselors	NMSC’s professional staff	NMSC’s professional staff	Officials of each sponsor college
<b>What is the monetary value?</b>	Awards provide a one-time payment of \$2,500.	Varies by sponsor—awards can be one-time or renewable (See chart on page 8.)	Varies by sponsor—awards can be one-time or renewable (See chart on page 8.)	Awards are renewable for 4 years of study at the sponsor institution. Stipends range from \$500 to \$2,000 per year.
<b>When does NMSC begin sending scholarship offers?</b>	Late March	Early March	Early March	Late April

**Corporate-sponsored scholarships.** In 2009, about 270 corporations, company foundations, and businesses sponsored scholarships through the National Merit Program as part of their educational philanthropy. These sponsors committed approximately \$20 million to support more than 1,000 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards and 1,500 Special Scholarships for students with qualifications that particularly interest them.

The number of **National Merit** Scholarships a company or business offers annually may range from 1 to more than 100. Finalists who meet a sponsor's criteria are identified from information Semifinalists supply on their scholarship applications. Winners are selected from this pool based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments. The scholarship name usually identifies the grantor—for example, National Merit XYZ Company Scholarship.

Over two-thirds of the program's corporate sponsors also provide **Special** Scholarships. Organizations that sponsor Special Scholarships make Entry Forms available to children of employees or members, or to students with other qualifications that interest them. Entry Forms are completed by students (and their parents, if applicable). If the number of Finalists eligible for a sponsor's awards is smaller than the number of awards the corporate organization wishes to offer, NMSC establishes a pool of high scoring candidates who filed Entry Forms. NMSC then sends Special Scholarship application materials to these candidates through their high schools and invites them to compete for the sponsor's Special Scholarships.

Each corporate sponsor specifies the monetary limits of scholarships it finances and decides whether the awards provide one-time payments or stipends that can be renewed for up to four years of college undergraduate study. Although financial need is not considered in the selection of winners, some corporate-sponsored renewable scholarships provide variable stipends that are individually determined, taking into account college costs and family financial circumstances.

Type of Award	Type of Stipend	Stipend Ranges
Renewable	Variable	\$500–\$10,000 per year
Renewable	Fixed	\$1,000–\$5,000 per year
One-time	Single-payment	\$2,500–\$5,000

**College-sponsored Merit Scholarships.** In the 2011 competition, it is expected that over 4,700 National Merit Scholarships will be offered to Finalists who plan to attend a sponsor college or university. (See the list of some 200 colleges that currently are Merit Scholarship sponsors beginning on page 18.) A college-sponsored scholarship is renewable for up to four years of undergraduate study at the sponsor institution. It cannot be transferred; therefore,

it is canceled if a winner does not attend the college financing the award.

Officials of each sponsor institution choose award recipients from among Finalists who have been accepted for admission and have informed NMSC that the sponsor college or university is their first choice. College officials also determine each winner's stipend within a range of \$500 to \$2,000 per year. The college may meet some of a winner's financial need with an aid package that includes loans, employment, and grants; however, the Merit Scholarship stipend must represent at least half the winner's need, up to the annual stipend maximum of \$2,000, unless the student's total need (as calculated by the college) is met with gift aid.

## Scholarship Sponsors

Some 500 independent organizations and institutions sponsor over two-thirds of the National Merit Scholarships offered each year. All Special Scholarships are sponsored by business organizations that also support Merit Scholarship awards.

**Corporate scholarship sponsors.** Following is a list of corporate organizations that currently sponsor scholarships in the National Merit Program with any eligibility criteria that apply to candidates for their awards. An asterisk (\*) indicates the sponsor offers Special Scholarships in addition to National Merit Scholarships and requires that Entry Forms be filed. The number of awards shown is an estimate of the yearly total, and neither the sponsor nor NMSC is obligated to offer these scholarships in 2010, 2011, or beyond.

- \* **Accenture LLP**—6 awards for children of employees of Accenture LLP.
- \* **The Acushnet Company, Inc.**—3 awards for children of employees.
- \* **Administaff Services, L.P.**—4 awards—2 awards for children of corporate employees; 2 awards for children of worksite employees.
- \* **ADP Foundation**—37 awards for children of employees of Automatic Data Processing, Inc.
- \* **Affymetrix, Inc.**—2 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
- \* *This corporate sponsor offers Special Scholarships in addition to Merit Scholarship® awards, and Entry Forms that the sponsor makes available must be filed.*



**Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.**—At least 5 awards with preference for (1st) Finalists who are children of employees of the corporation; (2nd) Finalists from specified school districts planning to pursue certain majors.

\* **Akzo Nobel Inc.**—6 awards for the children of employees of the company and its subsidiaries.

\* **Albany International**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

**The Alcon Foundation, Inc.**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of Alcon Laboratories Inc. or an affiliate will be offered an award.

\* **Ameren Corporation Charitable Trust**—4 awards for children of employees of the corporation.

\* **American City Business Journals, Inc.**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation.

**American Electric Power Company, Inc.**—5 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

\* **American Financial Group**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

\* **AmerisourceBergen Corporation**—8 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

\* **The AMETEK Foundation**—5 awards for children of employees of AMETEK, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

\* **Anadarko Petroleum Corporation**—4 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

**Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.**—1 award for a Finalist who is a child of an employee of the corporation or one of its subsidiaries.

\* **Aon Foundation**—8 awards for children of employees of Aon Corporation and its subsidiaries.

**Apache Corporation**—2 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

\* **Arch Chemicals, Inc.**—3 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

\* **Archer Daniels Midland Company**—10 awards for children of employees of ADM and its subsidiaries.

\* **Armstrong Foundation**—Up to 25 awards for children of employees of Armstrong World Industries, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

\* *This corporate sponsor offers Special Scholarships in addition to Merit Scholarship® awards, and Entry Forms that the sponsor makes available must be filed.*

**ASM Materials Education Foundation**—1 award for a Finalist who plans a career in the field of materials engineering.

\* **AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP**—10 awards for children of employees of the corporation.

\* **BASF Corporation**—12 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

**Battelle**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of the company will be offered an award.

**Bayer USA Foundation**—5 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of Bayer Corporation and its subsidiaries.

\* **The Berry Company**—2 awards for children of employees of the company.

**Mary E. Beyerle Trust**—7 awards for Finalists from Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

\* **The Black & Decker Corporation**—10 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

**Black & Veatch Corporation**—2 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of Black & Veatch and its subsidiaries.

\* **BMC Software, Inc.**—6 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

**BNSF Foundation**—Up to 10 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of BNSF Corporation and its subsidiaries.

**The Boeing Company**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of the company or a subsidiary will be offered an award.

\* **BorgWarner Inc.**—6 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its divisions and subsidiaries.

\* **BP Foundation, Inc.**—Up to 50 awards for children of employees and annuitants of BP, plc and its wholly owned subsidiaries.

\* **Branch Banking & Trust Co.**—10 awards for children of employees of BB&T.

\* **Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund**—Up to 50 awards for children of employees of Bridgestone Americas, Inc. and its participating subsidiaries.

Corporate scholarship sponsors  
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- \* **Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation, Inc.**—50 awards for children of employees of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company's U.S. divisions and subsidiaries.
- \* **Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc.**—4 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its qualifying subsidiaries.
- \* **Bunge North America, Inc.**—Up to 4 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Bunzl USA, Inc.**—5 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

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- \* **CACI International Inc**—5 awards—3 awards for children of employees of the company and its subsidiaries; 2 awards for Finalists who are planning to major in certain technological and mathematical fields.

**Cardinal Health Foundation**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of Cardinal Health, Inc. or a participating affiliate will be offered an award.

- \* **Cargill, Incorporated**—10 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries and affiliated companies.
- \* **Carlisle Companies Incorporated**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Carpenter Technology Corporation**—5 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Centocor Ortho Biotech Inc.**—3 awards for children of employees of U.S. Centocor, Centocor R&D, Ortho Biotech Inc. and JJPS.

**Chevron Corporation**—10 awards—8 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of the corporation and its affiliated companies; 2 awards for other Finalists planning to major in geological and earth sciences/geosciences, geological/geophysical or petroleum engineering.

- \* **CNA Foundation**—20 awards for children of employees of Continental Casualty Company and its affiliates and subsidiaries.
- \* **CNA Surety**—2 awards for the children of employees of the company, and its subsidiaries and affiliates.
- \* **Colgate-Palmolive Company**—10 awards for children of employees of the company and its subsidiaries.
- \* *This corporate sponsor offers Special Scholarships in addition to Merit Scholarship<sup>®</sup> awards, and Entry Forms that the sponsor makes available must be filed.*

**Computer Sciences Corporation**—5 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

**ConAgra Foods Foundation**—Up to 10 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of ConAgra Foods, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

- \* **CONSOL Energy Inc.**—16 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its designated subsidiaries.
- \* **Continental Grain Foundation**—2 awards for children of employees of Continental Grain Company.
- \* **Corning Incorporated**—5 awards for the children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
- \* **COUNTRY Financial**—5 awards for children of COUNTRY employees.
- \* **Covidien**—20 awards for children of employees of Covidien and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Cytec Industries Inc.**—4 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

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- \* **Dole Food Company, Inc.**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

- \* **R. R. Donnelley Foundation**—16 awards for children of employees of the company and its subsidiaries.

**The Dow Chemical Company Foundation**—15 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of the company and its subsidiaries.

- \* **Dow Jones Foundation**—Up to 25 awards for children of employees of Dow Jones & Company, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries.
- \* **Dresser, Inc.**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its business units.

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**E\*TRADE Financial**—2 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of E\*TRADE Financial.

**Eastman Chemical Company Foundation, Inc.**—8 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of Eastman Chemical Company and its subsidiaries.

- \* **Eaton Charitable Fund**—15 awards for children of employees of Eaton Corporation.

- \* **El Paso Corporate Foundation**—20 awards for children of employees of El Paso Corporation and its subsidiaries.
  - \* **Electrolux North America**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
  - \* **Estee Lauder Companies, Inc.**—3 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its U.S. affiliates and subsidiaries.
  - \* **ETHICON, INC.**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation.
- Exelon Corporation**—3 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of the corporation and its eligible subsidiaries.

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- \* **FedEx Custom Critical, Inc.**—4 awards—2 awards for the children of employees; 2 awards for the children and grandchildren of contractors.
  - \* **FedEx Freight Corporation**—20 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries; the awards are distributed among divisions.
  - \* **FedEx Ground Package System, Inc.**—8 awards—6 awards for children of employees; 2 awards for children of contractors.
  - \* **Ferro Foundation**—2 awards for children of employees of Ferro Corporation.
  - \* **Fifth Third Foundation**—17 awards for children of employees of Fifth Third Bank.
  - \* **FIL Holdings Corporation Inc.**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
  - \* **First Hawaiian Bank**—2 awards for children of employees of the bank and its subsidiaries.
  - \* **FMC Corporation**—3 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
  - \* **FMC Technologies, Inc.**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its affiliated businesses.
- Formosa Plastics Corporation, U.S.A.**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of the corporation or an affiliated organization will be offered an award.
- FPL Group Foundation**—4 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of FPL Group and its subsidiaries.

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- \* **GAF Materials Corporation**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries; the awards are distributed among divisions.
  - \* **Gannett Foundation, Inc.**—12 awards for children of employees of Gannett Co. Inc.
- GATX Corporation**—2 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
- GEICO Philanthropic Foundation**—3 awards for Finalists who are children of associates of GEICO Corporation and its subsidiaries.
- \* **GenCorp Foundation, Incorporated**—5 awards for children of employees of GenCorp and its subsidiaries.
- General Dynamics**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of the corporation or a subsidiary will be offered an award.
- \* **General Dynamics, Ordnance and Tactical Systems**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
- General Mills Foundation**—Up to 10 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of General Mills, Inc. and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Georgia-Pacific Foundation, Inc.**—50 awards for children of employees of Georgia-Pacific LLC and its subsidiaries within the United States; the awards are distributed among divisions.
  - \* **Gerdau Ameristeel Corporation**—10 awards for children of employees of the corporation.
  - \* **Gerdau MACSTEEL**—2 awards for children of employees of Gerdau MACSTEEL and its divisions.
  - \* **GKN Foundation**—5 awards for children of employees of GKN America Corp. and its subsidiaries.
  - \* **GlaxoSmithKline**—12 awards for children of employees of the corporation.
  - \* **Gleason Foundation**—Up to 8 awards for children of employees of Gleason Corporation and its U.S. divisions and subsidiaries.
  - \* **Global Pharmaceutical Supply Group**—4 awards for children of employees of the corporation.
  - \* **Global Tungsten & Powders Corp.**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation.

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**Goodrich Foundation, Inc.**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of Goodrich Corporation or a subsidiary will be offered an award.

**The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company**—8 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of the company and its subsidiaries.

- \* **W.W. Grainger, Inc.**—10 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its U.S. subsidiaries.
- \* **Greyhound Lines, Inc.**—Up to 6 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
- \* **(Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation) Rolls-Royce North America Inc.**—2 awards for children of employees of Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation.

**Harris Corporation**—2 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of the corporation and its divisions.

- \* **Harsco Corporation Fund**—Up to 12 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
- \* **H. J. Heinz Company Foundation**—6 awards for children of employees of the company and its affiliates.
- \* **Henkel of America, Inc.**—6 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Hoffmann-La Roche Inc.**—8 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its designated subsidiaries.

**Honeywell International, Inc.**—25 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of Honeywell and its subsidiaries.

- \* **Hormel Foods Charitable Trust**—18 awards for children of employees of Hormel Foods Corporation and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company**—2 awards for children of employees of the company and its subsidiaries.
- \* **The Harvey Hubbell Foundation**—4 awards for children of employees of Hubbell Incorporated and its subsidiaries.

- \* **The IKON Office Solutions Foundation**—10 awards for children of employees of IKON Office Solutions, Inc. and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Illinois Tool Works Foundation**—30 awards for children of employees of Illinois Tool Works Inc. and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Ingersoll-Rand Charitable Foundation**—17 awards for children of employees of Ingersoll Rand Company and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Intermec Foundation**—10 awards for children of employees of Intermec Technologies Corporation.
- \* **International Specialty Products Inc.**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries; the awards are distributed among divisions.
- \* **International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers**—3 awards for children of members of the union in good standing.
- \* **Invensys Controls**—2 awards for children of employees of Invensys Controls and its subsidiaries.

**Jacobs Engineering Foundation**—Every Finalist who is the dependent of an employee of Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. or a subsidiary will be offered an award.

- \* **JLG Industries, Inc.**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation.
- \* **John Bean Technologies Corporation**—2 awards for children of employees of JBT Corporation and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Johnson & Johnson Consumer Companies, Inc.**—6 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its participating companies.
- \* **Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research & Development, L.L.C.**—3 awards for children of employees of the corporation.
- \* **Johnson & Johnson World Headquarters**—2 awards for children of employees of Johnson & Johnson World Headquarters.

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- \* **Kaman Corporation**—3 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
  - \* **The Kennametal Foundation**—5 awards for children of employees of Kennametal Inc. and its subsidiaries.
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- \* **(Lane Furniture Industries, Inc.) Furniture Brands Charitable Trust**—4 awards for children of employees of Lane Furniture Industries, Inc. and its subsidiaries and designated affiliates.
- \* **LANXESS Corporation**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Lehigh Hanson, Inc.**—3 awards for children of employees of the company.
- \* **Lennox International Inc.**—20 awards for children of employees of the corporation.
- \* **Liberty Mutual Scholarship Foundation**—16 awards for children of employees of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Lockheed Martin Corporation Foundation**—100 awards for children of employees of Lockheed Martin and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Loews Foundation**—4 awards for children of employees of Loews Corporation and its divisions and wholly owned subsidiaries.
- \* **Lord & Taylor Foundation**—2 awards for student associates and children of associates of Lord & Taylor LLC.
- \* **Lorillard Tobacco Company**—8 awards for children of employees of the company and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Los Angeles Times Communications LLC**—1 award for a child of an employee of the corporation.
- \* **The Lubrizol Foundation**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of The Lubrizol Corporation or a U.S. subsidiary will be offered an award.
- \* **Luxottica Retail**—8 awards for children of employees of the corporation.

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- \* **Macy's Foundation**—54 awards for student employees and children of employees of Macy's Inc. and its direct and indirect subsidiaries; the awards are distributed among divisions.
  - \* **Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc.**—20 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

**McDermott Incorporated**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of the corporation or a subsidiary will be offered an award.

**McDonald's Corporation**—Up to 5 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

- \* **The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.**—20 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

- \* **McKesson Foundation Inc.**—20 awards for children of employees of McKesson and its divisions and subsidiaries.

**Mead Witter Foundation, Inc.**—10 awards for Finalists from specified geographic areas of Wisconsin.

**Medline Industries, Inc.**—2 awards for (1st) Finalists who are children of employees of Medline Industries, Inc.; (2nd) Finalists from the Chicago, IL metropolitan area.

**Glenn and Ruth Mengle Foundation**—Up to 4 awards for Finalists from three Pennsylvania counties—Clearfield, Elk, and Jefferson.

**MetLife Foundation**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of MetLife will be offered an award.

**The MITRE Corporation**—2 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of the corporation.

- \* **The Modine Manufacturing Company Foundation, Inc.**—2 awards for children of employees of Modine Manufacturing Company and its divisions and subsidiaries.

- \* **The Moody's Foundation**—2 awards for children of employees of Moody's Corporation and its subsidiaries.

**Motorola Foundation**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of Motorola Inc. or a subsidiary will be offered an award.

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**National Distillers Distributors Foundation**—7 awards for Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

- \* **(National Gypsum Company) C. D. Spangler Foundation, Inc.**—2 awards for children of employees of National Gypsum Company and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Nationwide Foundation**—10 awards—6 awards for children of employees of Nationwide Insurance Companies and certain affiliates and associates; 4 awards for children of career agents.
- Navistar Foundation**—1 award for a Finalist who is a child of an employee of the Navistar International Corporation.
- \* **New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Group**—At least 2 awards for children of employees of New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Group.
- New York Life Foundation**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee or agent of New York Life or certain subsidiaries will be offered an award.
- \* **NewMarket Corporation**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
- \* **NiSource Charitable Foundation**—15 awards for children of employees of NiSource and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Norfolk Southern Foundation**—10 awards for children of employees of Norfolk Southern Corporation and its affiliated companies.
- \* **Northrop Grumman Corporation**—50 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Novartis Corporation**—20 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its divisions and subsidiaries.
- \* **Novo Nordisk Inc.**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation.
- \* **NSTAR Foundation**—2 awards for the children of employees of NSTAR and its subsidiaries.

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**Occidental Petroleum Corporation**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of the corporation or a division or subsidiary will be offered an award.

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**O'Donnell Foundation**—2 awards for Finalists from specified Texas high schools.

- \* **Old National Bank Foundation**—3 awards for the children of associates of Old National Bancorp and its entities.
- Olin Corporation Charitable Trust**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of Olin Corporation or a subsidiary will be offered an award.
- \* **OMNOVA Solutions Foundation, Inc.**—3 awards for children of employees of OMNOVA Solutions, Inc. and its subsidiaries.
- Omron Foundation, Inc.**—5 awards for Finalists with preference (1st) for those who are children of employees of Omron; (2nd) for those from Illinois or Michigan intending to major in electrical engineering, science, or mathematics.
- \* **Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceutical, Inc.**—3 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
- Owens Corning Foundation**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of Owens Corning will be offered an award.

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**Parker Hannifin Foundation**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of Parker Hannifin Corporation or a subsidiary will be offered an award.

- \* **Payless ShoeSource, Inc.**—5 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Frank E. Payne and Seba B. Payne Foundation**—3 awards for children or grandchildren of employees of John Crane Inc. and its domestic subsidiaries.
- \* **The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company**—2 awards for children of company employees, agents, and office employees.
- PepsiCo Foundation, Inc.**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of PepsiCo, Inc. or a division or subsidiary will be offered an award.
- \* **Pfizer Inc.**—50 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Pilkington North America, Inc.**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
- \* **PPG Industries Foundation**—68 awards—40 awards for children of employees of PPG Industries, Inc. and its subsidiaries; 28 awards for residents of communities where PPG has operations.

- \* **PPG Industries, Inc.**—2 awards for children of employees of Platinum Distributors of PPG Industries, Inc.

**PPL**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of the corporation will be offered an award.

**Public Service Enterprise Group**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of Public Service Enterprise Group or its subsidiaries will be offered an award.

- \* **Putnam LLC**—2 awards for the children of employees of Putnam Investments and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Quanex Foundation**—3 awards for children of employees of Quanex Building Products and its divisions and subsidiaries.

- \* **Research Triangle Institute**—2 awards for children of employees of the institute.
- \* **Retail Brand Alliance, Inc.**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Rexam Inc. Foundation**—2 awards for children of employees of Rexam Inc. and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Reynolds American Foundation**—20 awards for children of employees of Reynolds American Inc. and its eligible subsidiaries.
- \* **Rheem Manufacturing Company**—5 awards for children of employees of the company and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Robbins & Myers Foundation**—1 award for a child of an employee of Robbins & Myers, Inc. or one of its subsidiaries.

**Rockwell Automation Charitable Corporation**—5 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of Rockwell Automation and its subsidiaries.

**Rockwell Collins Charitable Corporation**—8 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of Rockwell Collins and its subsidiaries.

**Rohm and Haas Company**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of the company or a majority-owned subsidiary will be offered an award.

**Rolls-Royce North America Inc.**—3 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of Rolls-Royce plc and eligible subsidiaries.

**Ryerson Tull Foundation**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of Ryerson Tull, Inc. or a subsidiary will be offered an award.

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**SAP America, Inc.**—Every Finalist who is the child of a U.S.-based employee of SAP and its entities will be offered an award.

- \* **Schering-Plough Foundation, Inc.**—10 awards for children of employees of Schering-Plough Corporation and its divisions and subsidiaries.
- \* **Schindler Elevator Corporation**—9 awards for children of employees of the corporation.
- \* **Schneider Electric/Square D Foundation**—16 awards for children of employees of Schneider Electric/Square D.
- \* **Schweinburg Fund**—3 awards for Finalists from New York City high schools.

**Science Applications International Corporation**—10 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of SAIC and its subsidiaries.

- \* **Scripps Howard Foundation**—5 awards for children of employees of Scripps Howard and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Scripps Networks Interactive, Inc.**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its divisions and subsidiaries.
- \* **Sensient Technologies Foundation**—3 awards for children of employees of Sensient Technologies Corporation and its divisions and subsidiaries.
- \* **Sentry Insurance Foundation, Inc.**—5 awards for children of employees of Sentry Insurance Group and its eligible subsidiaries.

**The Shaw Group, Inc.**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of the corporation or a subsidiary will be offered an award.

- \* **Siemens Foundation**—60 awards for the children of employees of Siemens Corporation and its subsidiaries.
- \* **Snap-on Incorporated**—5 awards for children of employees and dealers of the corporation.

**Sodexo, Inc.**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of the corporation in the USA will be offered an award.

**Solvay North America, LLC**—6 awards for Finalists from specified geographical areas who plan to pursue certain college majors.

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- \* **Sony Electronics Inc.**—3 awards for children of employees of Sony Electronics Inc. and Sony Corporation of America.

**South Broward Board of Realtors**—2 awards for Finalists from specified Florida high schools.

**Southern Company Services, Inc.**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of the corporation will be offered an award.

**Southwest Airlines Co.**—5 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of the company.

**Spirit AeroSystems, Inc.**—7 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of the corporation and its eligible subsidiaries.

- \* **State Farm Companies Foundation**—100 awards for children of employees and insurance agents of State Farm Companies.

- \* **Suburban Propane, L.P.**—3 awards for children of employees of the company.

**Synopsys, Inc.**—6 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

- \* **Tate & Lyle Americas, Inc.**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

**Taylor Publishing Company**—2 awards for Finalists who are members of client yearbook staffs (1 award in each of two geographic regions).

**Telcordia Technologies**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of Telcordia or a participating subsidiary will be offered an award.

**Tellabs Foundation**—2 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of Tellabs, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries.

- \* **Teradata Corporation**—4 awards for children of employees of the corporation.

**Texas Instruments Incorporated**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of the corporation will be offered an award.

- \* **Textron Charitable Trust**—10 awards for children of employees of Textron Inc. and its subsidiaries.

- \* **J. Walter Thompson Company Fund, Inc.**—2 awards for children of employees of the company and its subsidiaries.

- \* **Thomson Inc.**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

- \* **3M Company**—40 awards for children of employees of the company and its affiliates and subsidiaries.

- \* **Tomkins Corporation Foundation**—10 awards—5 awards for children of salaried employees of Tomkins Corporation and Gates Corporation and their subsidiaries; 5 awards for children of hourly employees.

- \* **The Travelers Employees Club**—5 awards for children and specified relatives of members of The Travelers Employees Club.

- \* **Tredegar Corporation**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

- \* **True Textiles, Inc.**—2 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

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**Unisys Corporation**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of the corporation or a division or subsidiary will be offered an award.

**United Services Automobile Association**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of the company will be offered an award.

- \* **United Space Alliance**—20 awards for children of employees of United Space Alliance.

- \* **United States Fire Insurance Company**—2 awards for children of employees of Crum&Forster.

- \* **The UPS Foundation**—125 awards—100 awards for children of full-time employees and 25 awards for children of part-time employees of UPS and its subsidiaries.

- \* **USG Foundation, Inc.**—5 awards for children of employees of USG Corporation and its subsidiaries.

- \* **Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO**—2 awards for children of members of the union.

**Varian Medical Systems**—2 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of the corporation.

- \* **Vulcan Materials Company Foundation**—3 awards for children of employees of Vulcan Materials Company and its subsidiaries.

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**Walgreen Co.**—5 awards for Finalists who are children of employees of the company.

**The Waste Management Charitable Foundation**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of Waste Management Inc.'s family of companies will be offered an award.

**Watson Wyatt & Company**—1 award for a Finalist who is a child of an employee of the company.

\* **The Williams Companies Foundation, Inc.**—10 awards for children of employees of The Williams Companies, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

\* **Wilson Sporting Goods Co.**—1 award for a child of an employee of the company.

\* **Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company**—7 awards for children of employees of the company and its subsidiaries.

\* **Wyeth**—40 awards for children of employees of the corporation and its subsidiary companies in the United States.

**The Xerox Foundation**—Every Finalist who is the child of an employee of Xerox Corporation or a subsidiary will be offered an award.

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## College Merit Scholarship® sponsors.

The higher education institutions listed below currently are sponsors of National Merit Scholarships. The number in parentheses reflects the minimum number of Merit Scholarship awards NMSC expects the college to offer annually. However, neither the institution nor NMSC is obligated to offer these scholarships in 2010, 2011, or beyond.

Abilene Christian University (3)	Davidson College (3)	Louisiana State University (25)
Albion College (3)	Denison University (3)	Louisiana Tech University (3)
Alfred University (3)	DePauw University (10)	Loyola University Chicago (3)
Alma College (3)	Dickinson College (3)	Luther College (3)
American University (10)	Drake University (3)	Macalester College (35)
Arizona State University, all campuses (85)	Earlham College (3)	Marquette University (3)
Auburn University (25)	Emory University (20)	Messiah College (3)
Austin College (3)		Miami University (15)
Ball State University (3)	Florida State University (15)	Michigan State University (35)
Baylor University (35)	Fordham University, all campuses (3)	Michigan Technological University (5)
Bethel University (Minnesota) (3)	Franklin and Marshall College (3)	Mississippi State University (10)
Birmingham-Southern College (10)	Furman University (15)	Missouri University of Science and Technology (9)
Boise State University (3)	George Washington University (15)	Montana State University- Bozeman (3)
Boston College (7)	Georgia Institute of Technology (75)	New College of Florida (3)
Boston University (15)	Gonzaga University (3)	New York University (90)
Bowdoin College (3)	Gordon College (Massachusetts) (3)	North Dakota State University (3)
Bradley University (3)	Goshen College (3)	Northeastern University (3)
Brandeis University (20)	Grinnell College (25)	Northwestern University (50)
Brigham Young University (10)	Gustavus Adolphus College (10)	
Bucknell University (3)	Hamline University (3)	Oberlin College (40)
Butler University (3)	Hampshire College (3)	Occidental College (3)
	Harding University (10)	Ohio State University, all campuses (90)
	Harvey Mudd College (30)	Ohio University (6)
	Hendrix College (7)	Oklahoma State University (10)
	Hillsdale College (3)	Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering (3)
	Hope College (6)	Oral Roberts University (3)
		Oregon State University (5)
Calvin College (16)	Illinois Wesleyan University (5)	Pennsylvania State University, all campuses (5)
Carleton College (75)	Indiana University Bloomington (6)	Pepperdine University (5)
Case Western Reserve University (25)	Iowa State University (35)	Pomona College (6)
Centre College (3)	Ithaca College (3)	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (15)
Claremont McKenna College (8)	Kalamazoo College (3)	Rhodes College (11)
Clemson University (3)	Kansas State University (5)	Rice University (50)
Colby College (Maine) (3)	Kenyon College (5)	Rochester Institute of Technology (7)
College of Charleston (3)	Knox College (3)	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (15)
College of the Holy Cross (3)	Lawrence University (Wisconsin) (3)	
College of Wooster (3)	Lehigh University (3)	
Colorado College (6)	Lewis & Clark College (5)	
Colorado State University (3)	Liberty University, Inc. (3)	
Concordia College (Minnesota) (3)		
Creighton University (3)		

Rutgers, The State University of  
New Jersey, all campuses (10)

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Saint Louis University (3)  
St. Olaf College (20)  
Samford University (5)  
Santa Clara University (4)  
Scripps College (3)  
Seattle Pacific University (3)  
South Dakota State University (3)  
Southern Methodist University (15)  
Southwestern University (3)  
Stony Brook University (3)  
Tennessee Technological  
University (3)  
Texas A&M University (125)  
Texas Christian University (3)  
Texas Tech University (3)  
Transylvania University (3)  
Trinity University (12)  
Truman State University (3)  
Tufts University (10)  
Tulane University (20)

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University of Alabama at  
Birmingham (3)  
University of Alabama at  
Tuscaloosa (30)  
University of Arizona (55)  
University of Arkansas,  
Fayetteville (20)  
University of Central Florida (7)  
University of Chicago (60)  
University of Cincinnati (10)  
University of Dallas (10)  
University of Dayton (12)  
University of Delaware (10)  
University of Evansville (3)  
University of Florida (70)

University of Georgia  
Foundation (20)  
University of Houston (10)  
University of Idaho (8)  
University of Illinois at Urbana-  
Champaign (50)  
University of Iowa (20)  
University of Kansas (28)  
University of Kentucky (10)  
University of Louisville (12)  
University of Maine (3)  
University of Maryland,  
all campuses (15)  
University of Miami (15)  
University of Minnesota,  
all campuses (36)  
University of Mississippi (10)  
University of Missouri-  
Columbia (20)  
University of Montana (3)  
University of Nebraska-  
Lincoln (20)  
University of Nevada, Reno (3)  
University of North Carolina at  
Chapel Hill (110)  
University of North Dakota (3)  
University of North Texas (3)  
University of Oklahoma,  
all campuses (30)  
University of Oregon (6)  
University of Pittsburgh (3)  
University of Puget Sound (7)  
University of Richmond (10)  
University of Rochester (20)  
University of St. Thomas  
(Minnesota) (3)  
University of the South (5)  
University of South Carolina,  
all campuses (8)  
University of South Florida (12)  
University of Southern  
California (35)

University of Southern  
Mississippi (5)  
University of Tennessee (15)  
University of Texas at Austin (125)  
University of Texas at Dallas (24)  
University of Tulsa (55)  
University of Utah (20)  
University of Vermont (3)  
University of Washington (26)  
University of Wisconsin-  
Eau Claire (3)  
University of Wisconsin-Madison (5)  
University of Wyoming (3)  
Ursinus College (3)

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Valparaiso University (5)  
Vanderbilt University (18)  
Villanova University (5)  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and  
State University (15)  
Wabash College (3)  
Wake Forest University (4)  
Washington and Lee University (15)  
Washington State University (3)  
Washington University  
in St. Louis (50)  
Wayne State University  
(Michigan) (3)  
West Virginia University  
Foundation, Inc. (12)  
Western Washington University (3)  
Westminster College (Utah) (3)  
Westmont College (3)  
Wheaton College (Illinois) (25)  
Whitman College (5)  
Willamette University (6)  
Wofford College (3)  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (10)  
Xavier University (Ohio) (5)

# National Achievement<sup>®</sup> Scholarship Program

The National Achievement Scholarship Program was established in 1964 specifically to provide recognition for outstanding Black American high school students and to encourage them in their pursuit of higher education. This academic competition is conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

Black students who meet program entry requirements may enter the National Achievement Program in addition to the National Merit<sup>®</sup> Scholarship Program by specifically

requesting consideration in the National Achievement Program when they take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT<sup>®</sup>). The two programs are conducted concurrently; however, a student's standing in each program is determined independently. Black students can qualify for recognition, become candidates for awards, and be honored as Scholars in both competitions, but they can receive only one monetary award from NMSC.

## Steps in the 2011 National Achievement<sup>®</sup> Scholarship Competition

**160,000 Entrants.** In October 2009, Black Americans who take the PSAT/NMSQT<sup>®</sup>, complete *Section 14* on the answer sheet, and meet all other participation requirements will enter the 2011 competition for recognition and National Achievement Scholarships. Nearly all participants (entrants) will be juniors planning to enter college in 2011.

**High school principals will be asked to notify NMSC** in the spring of 2010 of any error in their students' requests to enter the National Achievement Scholarship Program.

### PARTICIPANTS WHO QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM RECOGNITION

#### **3,100 Outstanding Participants Referred to Colleges.**

In late September 2010, U.S. colleges and universities will be sent a list of National Achievement Program participants who have demonstrated potential for academic success. These Outstanding Participants will be sent certificates through their schools, but they will not continue in the competition for National Achievement Scholarships.

**1,600 Semifinalists.** In early September 2010, participants who qualify as Semifinalists will be notified. They will receive National Achievement Scholarship Application materials explaining requirements to advance in the competition for awards to be offered in 2011.

**1,300 Finalists.** In late January 2011, Semifinalists who advance to Finalist standing will be notified. All National Achievement Scholarship winners will be selected from this group of Finalists, based on information submitted about their abilities, accomplishments, and goals.

**800 Achievement Scholarship<sup>®</sup> winners.** Beginning in February 2011, the National Achievement Program will notify winners of:

- National Achievement<sup>®</sup> \$2500 Scholarships and
- Corporate-sponsored scholarships

In early April, the names of Achievement Scholar<sup>®</sup> designees will be released to news media for public announcement.

## Program Entry

Over 160,000 students currently enter each annual National Achievement Scholarship Program. To participate in the 2011 competition, interested students must take the 2009 PSAT/NMSQT, meet all requirements for entry to the National Merit Program listed on page 4, and request consideration in the National Achievement Program by completing Section 14 of the test answer sheet.

14. If you are a Black American and wish to enter the National Achievement® Program as well as the National Merit® Program, fill in this oval.

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Because the program is open only to Black American students, high school officials are contacted before high performing participants receive public recognition and asked to confirm their students' participation requests.

The 2011 competition is explained in greater detail in sections that follow. If you have a question that is not answered in this *Student Guide*, talk with your counselor or contact the **National Achievement Scholarship Program, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Suite 200, Evanston, IL 60201-4897; telephone (847) 866-5100. NMSC's Web site address is [www.nationalmerit.org](http://www.nationalmerit.org).**

## Program Recognition

About 4,700 Black American high school students whose performance on the 2009 PSAT/NMSQT places them within the top 4 percent of program entrants will receive recognition. Their Selection Index scores (the sum of critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills scores) will be used to designate two groups of participants who will be honored by the 2011 National Achievement Program.

**Students referred to colleges.** Approximately 3,100 of the high-scoring program entrants will be recognized as Outstanding Participants in the 2011 National Achievement Scholarship Program. In the fall of 2010, they will be notified through their high schools that they are being referred to admission officials of regionally accredited four-year colleges and universities in the United States. Certificates in recognition of their ability and potential for academic success in college will be sent to them through their high schools; however, these students will not continue in the competition for National Achievement Scholarships.

**Semifinalists.** Some 1,600 of the high scorers will be designated Semifinalists and have an opportunity to continue in the competition for National Achievement Scholarships to be offered in 2011. Their names will be sent to regionally accredited four-year colleges and universities in the United States and released to news media for public announcement.

Semifinalists in the National Achievement Program are designated on a regional representation basis. The 50 states and the District of Columbia are grouped into several geographic regions; an allocation of Semifinalists is established for each that is proportional to the region's population of Black Americans. Semifinalists are the highest scoring program participants in the states that compose each region. Additional Semifinalists are named in schools in U.S. commonwealths and territories, in U.S. boarding schools that enroll a sizable proportion of their students from outside the state in which the school is located, and in schools in other countries that enroll U.S. citizens.

In the fall of 2010, NMSC will notify Semifinalists of their standing through their high schools. They will receive National Achievement Scholarship Application materials that explain requirements Semifinalists must meet to advance in the competition.

**Finalists.** Some 1,300 Semifinalists in each year's competition advance to the Finalist level and receive a Certificate of Achievement. Only Finalists are considered for National Achievement Scholarships. To qualify as a Finalist, a Semifinalist must:

1. continue to meet all requirements for participation in the National Achievement Program (including the entry requirements listed on page 4);
2. be enrolled in the last year of high school and plan to enroll full time in college the following fall or be enrolled in the first year of college if grades 9 through 12 were completed in three years or less;
3. complete the National Achievement Scholarship Application with all information requested, which includes writing an essay;
4. have a record of consistently high academic performance in **all** of grades 9 through 12 and in any college course work taken (the high school must provide a complete record of courses taken and grades earned by the student, as well as information about the school's curriculum and grading system);
5. be fully endorsed for Finalist standing and recommended for a National Achievement Scholarship by a high school official;

6. take the SAT and earn scores that confirm the PSAT/NMSQT performance that resulted in Semifinalist standing; and

7. provide any other documentation and information that NMSC requests.

Before a Finalist can receive an award, he or she must notify the National Achievement Program of plans to attend a four-year regionally accredited college or university in the United States and enroll full time in an undergraduate course of study leading to a traditional baccalaureate degree. NMSC stipends are not payable for attendance at service academies, virtual universities, and certain institutions that are limited in their purposes or training.

## Types of Awards and Selection of Winners

In the 2011 competition, approximately 800 National Achievement Scholarships worth more than \$2.6 million will be offered. All Achievement Scholar® awardees will be selected from the Finalist group, based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments. Although different types of awards will be offered, no student can receive more than one monetary award from NMSC.

**National Achievement® \$2500 Scholarships.** Every Finalist in the National Achievement Program will be considered for one of these single-payment awards of \$2,500. The 700 National Achievement \$2500 Scholarships will be awarded on a regional representation basis (as in the naming of Semifinalists). Winners will be notified beginning in late February 2011.

To judge which Finalists in a region have the greatest potential for success in rigorous college studies, a committee of high school counselors and college admission officers will evaluate the applications completed by all Finalists and their school officials. Winner selections will be based on Finalists' academic records, demonstrated leadership, contributions to school and community activities, test scores, essays, and school officials' recommendations.

Companies and business organizations underwrite some of the National Achievement \$2500 Scholarships offered annually, but the majority of these awards are supported by NMSC's own funds.

### Corporate-sponsored Achievement Scholarship® awards.

About 100 Achievement Scholarship awards will be offered in 2011 to Finalists who have qualifications that particularly interest a corporate or business sponsor. Almost all corporate-sponsored scholarships are designated for Finalists who plan to pursue college majors or careers the grantor wishes to encourage, are children of a sponsor's employees, or residents of a company's service areas. Finalists who are considered for these scholarships are identified from information supplied on their scholarship applications, and winners are chosen from eligible Finalists. In late February 2011, NMSC will mail scholarship offers to recipients.

Most corporate-sponsored Achievement Scholarship awards are renewable and provide stipends for up to four years of undergraduate study, but some are nonrenewable awards that provide a single payment. (Values of these awards are comparable to those in the National Merit Program, described on page 7.)

## Achievement Scholarship® Sponsors

Currently, 38 corporations, company foundations, and other business organizations commit approximately \$800,000 to support National Achievement Scholarships in each annual competition. A sponsor may underwrite National Achievement \$2500 Scholarships, for which all Finalists compete, or scholarships for Finalists who meet specified criteria; a few companies provide both types of awards.

Sponsors and the number of Achievement Scholarship awards they financed in 2009 are listed below. However, inclusion in a list does not commit any sponsor or NMSC to provide these Achievement Scholarship awards in 2010, 2011, or beyond.

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- ADP Foundation (2)
  - Ameren Corporation Charitable Trust (1)
  - Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (2)
  - AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP (2)
  - Black Contractors United (1)
  - The Boule Foundation (12)
  - BP Foundation, Inc. (3)
  - Chevron Corporation (1)
  - CNA Foundation (1)
  - Computer Sciences Corporation (1)

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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (1)  
Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation (1)  
Ernst & Young Foundation (4)  
ExxonMobil (2)  
Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Foundation (1)  
General Mills Foundation (1)  
GKN Foundation (2)  
Goodrich Foundation, Inc. (1)

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The Links, Inc. (6)  
The Links, Inc., Houston Chapter (1)  
Loews Foundation (1)  
The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. (6)  
Mead Witter Foundation, Inc. (5)  
Motorola Foundation (5)

Navistar Foundation (1)  
The New York Times Company Foundation, Inc. (5)  
NewMarket Corporation (1)  
Novartis Corporation (3)  
Occidental Petroleum Corporation (1)  
PPG Industries Foundation (2)

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Reynolds American Foundation (5)  
Rohm and Haas Company (6)  
Sony Electronics Inc. (3)  
State Farm Companies Foundation (20)  
The UPS Foundation (7)  
Walgreen Co. (5)  
The Xerox Foundation (13)  
Zurich U.S. Foundation (1)