



NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

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NMSC Nationwide Announcements of 2022 Merit Scholarship® Winners

April 27: Announcement of Corporate-Sponsored Merit Scholarship Winners

About 220 companies and businesses finance National Merit® Scholarships for Finalists who meet their specified criteria. Most of the approximately 1,000 corporate-sponsored awards are for children of a sponsor organization's employees, but some are specified for residents of communities where a company has plants or offices, and a few are provided for Finalists who have college major or career interests a sponsor wishes to encourage. The majority of these awards are offered between March 9 and March 31.

May 11: Announcement of National Merit® \$2500 Scholarship Winners

The 2,500 National Merit \$2500 Scholarships are the awards for which every Finalist is considered. Winners are named in every state, in numbers based on the state's percentage of the nation's graduating high school seniors. In addition, a number of recipients are chosen 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 portion of students from outside the state in which the school is located. NMSC's own funds support the majority of the National Merit \$2500 Scholarships, but corporate sponsors help underwrite these awards with grants they provide in lieu of paying administrative fees. The majority of these awards are offered between March 24 and April 1.

June 1: First Announcement of College-Sponsored Merit Scholarship Winners

About 180 colleges and universities currently underwrite approximately 4,000 National Merit Scholarships in each annual competition. Only Finalists who plan to attend a college or university that sponsors Merit Scholarship awards can be considered for one. Winners are chosen by officials of the sponsoring college or university. Each Finalist who accepts a college-sponsored award must use it at the institution financing it; a change in college choice will cancel the scholarship. The first round of college-sponsored awards is offered on May 2.

July 11: Announcement of College-Sponsored Merit Scholarship Winners

A second announcement will be made on July 11 to recognize college-sponsored awardees not included in the June 2 announcement.

2022 National Merit Scholarship Competition

Among all students who entered the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program, only about 16,000 were named Semifinalists. They were designated on a state representational basis, in proportion to each state's percentage of the national total of graduating high school seniors. In order to advance in the competition and be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, a Semifinalist had to become a Finalist by fulfilling several requirements that included submitting a detailed scholarship application and presenting a record of very high academic performance. All winners of about 7,500 National Merit Scholarships are being chosen from the group of approximately 15,000 distinguished Finalists.