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### SEMIFINALISTS IN THE 2012 NATIONAL MERIT® SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM September 14, 2011 Announcement

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**Note to editors: Semifinalists in your state are listed alphabetically by city and high school, following this press release.**

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#### **Semifinalists Named in the 2012 National Merit® Scholarship Program**

(Evanston, Illinois) Today officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 57th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,300 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$34 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and more than half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 440 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

## **Steps in the 2012 Competition**

About 1.5 million juniors in some 22,000 high schools entered the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2010 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, which represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

To become a Finalist, a Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the high school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. The Semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's essay and information about the Semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community activities.

From the approximately 16,000 Semifinalists, about 15,000 are expected to advance to the Finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation. All National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from this Finalist group. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.

## **National Merit Scholarships**

Three types of National Merit Scholarships will be offered in the spring of 2012. Every Finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit \$2500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state representational basis. About 1,000 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards will be provided by approximately 240 corporations and business organizations for Finalists who meet their specified criteria, such as children of the grantor's employees or residents of communities where sponsor plants or offices are located. In addition, about 200 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 4,800 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2012 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join more than 283,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

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# Semifinalists: 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program

## WISCONSIN

### ALMA

ALMA H. S.  
999 Mochizuki-Freeman, James M.

### AMHERST

AMHERST H. S.  
712 Anderson, Soren  
605 Eddy, Timothy L.

### APPLETON

APPLETON NORTH H. S.  
214 Bakken, Christian A.  
740 Herrling, Austin D.  
742 Kvalvik, Killian J.  
455 Sheu, Wayne

### APPLETON WEST H. S.

200 Collins, Denver W.  
999 Michiels, Lauren R.  
202 Schmitz, Trevor J.  
161 Zhou, Jeffrey C.

### FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN H. S.

561 Mose, Deanna R.  
459 Sehloff, David K.

### HOMESCHOOL

999 Webster, Corwin  
904 Willson, Emily J.

### XAVIER H. S.

950 Carroll, Christian J.  
169 Hahlbeck, Nicholas  
710 Worachek, Kaitlyn

### BARABOO

BARABOO H. S.  
457 Hantzsch, Alyssa A.  
999 Mering, Brynna B.

### BELLEVILLE

BELLEVILLE H. S.  
907 Swanson, Lachlann N.

### BONDUEL

BONDUEL H. S.  
300 Olson, Ella M.

### BROOKFIELD

BROOKFIELD ACADEMY  
772 Bray, Nicole M.  
455 Collins, Elizabeth A.  
720 Quereshi, Safeeyah S.  
450 Ruvalcaba, Randal K.

### BROOKFIELD CENTRAL H. S.

940 Farrokhnia, Tamur W.  
999 Hubler, Collin P.  
999 Luo, Dee D.  
204 Mokwa, Joshua T.  
950 Patchett, Samuel F.  
161 Patel, Kriya S.  
200 Wang, Phillip H.

### BROOKFIELD EAST H. S.

999 Klinker, Meredith S.  
720 Kreznar, Christian J.  
902 Pritchard, Sarah V.  
163 Shreeekumar, Advik  
999 Termuehlen, Gabrielle E.  
742 Trivedi, Aditya H.  
999 Vosters, Jennifer A.  
906 Wu, Chih-Wei

### HOMESCHOOL

522 Atwood, Margaret S.

### BRUSSELS

SOUTHERN DOOR H. S.  
160 Suriano, Jana M.

### BURLINGTON

CATHOLIC CENTRAL H. S.  
459 Sember, William J.

### CEDARBURG

CEDARBURG H. S.  
463 Gallogly, Austin M.  
792 Goeks, Grace D.  
520 Greivell, Samantha  
254 Kaiman, Kane R.  
250 Quick, Margaret C.  
160 Rand, Lindsay E.

### CHIPPEWA FALLS

CHIPPEWA FALLS H. S.  
450 Arneberg, Jasper T.  
843 Crocker, Kyle A.

### MC DONELL CENTRAL H. S.

160 Kuehl, Ann C.

### DE FOREST

DE FOREST AREA H. S.  
999 Arndt, Natalie N.

### DENMARK

DENMARK H. S.  
904 Petersen, Carolyn G.

### EAU CLAIRE

EAU CLAIRE MEMORIAL H. S.  
554 Ellingboe, Elizabeth A.  
999 Richmond, Beth M.  
628 Smith, Maria J.  
161 Tjelta, Renae N.  
628 Wu, James F.

### HOMESCHOOL

303 Lokkesmoe, Jacob K.  
999 Poynter, Stephen B.

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN H. S.

999 Mueller, Benjamin J.

### REGIS H. S.

950 Alexander, Sydney M.

### ELKHORN

ELKHORN AREA H. S.  
160 Middleton, Teresa E.

### FOND DU LAC

FOND DU LAC H. S.  
836 Phillips, Samuel M.  
520 Sieloff, Jordan L.

### FRANKLIN

FRANKLIN H. S.  
836 Mihalyi, Nicholas B.  
999 Park, Justin

### HOMESCHOOL

870 Gotcher, Christina E.

### GERMANTOWN

GERMANTOWN H. S.  
833 Branske, Eric L.  
999 Burnham, Grant  
600 Lambert, Madeline M.  
999 Yang, Angela

### GLENDALE

NICOLET H. S.  
204 Hangsterfer, Yvonne M.  
550 Lawton, Max D.  
162 Rechavel, David J.  
836 Shi, Sara S.  
164 Weisman, Ryan Y.  
166 Wilkinson, Rachel  
628 Zou, Luli S.

### GRAFTON

GRAFTON H. S.  
843 Gasiorowski, Sean J.

### GREEN BAY

ASHWAUBENON H. S.  
161 Dantoin, Phoebe A.  
628 Wikum, Hannah E.

### BAY PORT H. S.

830 Meulemans, Jeremy P.

833 Monfre, Alicia M.  
162 Vandermause, Jonathan P.  
455 Violetta, Jack A.  
870 Weber, Benjamin J.

### HOMESCHOOL

628 Hunt, Matthew S.  
990 Jung, Nathan  
920 Kelley, Kaitlin M.

### NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

628 Ricker, Melissa M.

### PREBLE H. S.

950 Fliss, Tanner S.

### SOUTHWEST H. S.

303 Aude, Andrew T.  
467 Becker, Jason R.

### GREENDALE

GREENDALE H. S.  
430 Gransee, Gienna M.  
907 Kosarzycki, Samantha S.

### GREENFIELD

WHITNALL H. S.  
450 Breunig, Stephanie L.  
162 Johnson, Danika B.  
999 Walla, Kara M.

### HARTFORD

HARTFORD UNION H. S.  
451 Leader, Scott A.

### HARTLAND

ARROWHEAD H. S.  
948 Breunig, Deanna  
561 Clemens, Kealey V.  
459 Eggert, Ryan W.  
943 Kim, Garrett D.  
200 McKinnon, Claire J.  
742 Pinkerton, Riley M.  
628 Scheibengraber, Anna T.  
999 Van Gilder, John M.

### UNIVERSITY LAKE SCHOOL

843 Foster, Gabriel J.  
628 Seidel, Molly E.

### HAYWARD

HAYWARD H. S.  
250 Glodoski, James A.

### HOLMEN

HOLMEN H. S.  
901 Seebach, Rachel E.  
843 Strauss, Nathaniel A.

### HORTONVILLE

HORTONVILLE H. S.  
522 Martens, Rachel M.  
451 Tetzloff, Alex P.

### HUDSON

HUDSON H. S.  
999 Gagliardi, Samuel C.  
520 Miller, Clare M.

### JACKSON

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN H. S.  
999 Schaub, Jacob C.

### JANESVILLE

JOSEPH A. CRAIG H. S.  
600 Prestil, Ryan M.  
450 Reinicke, Danica H.

### HOMESCHOOL

520 Cullum, Rebekah D.

### KENOSHA

MARY D. BRADFORD H. S.  
999 Bullmore, Madeline J.

### HOMESCHOOL

999 Schliesman, Jacob M.

### TREMPER H. S.

454 Csikortas, Melissa  
450 Hohs, Steven T.

### KIMBERLY

KIMBERLY H. S.  
520 Schreiber, Carissa

### KOHLER

KOHLER H. S.  
628 Louwagie, Melyssa L.

### LA CROSSE

AQUINAS H. S.  
999 Schams, Carly J.  
906 Schlesinger, Matthew D.

### LOGAN H. S.

628 Escher, Paul

### LADYSMITH

LADYSMITH H. S.  
522 Freeman, Elijah L.

### LAKE GENEVA

BADGER H. S.  
949 Good, Sophia J.  
999 O'Brien, Thomas M.

### LAKE MILLS

LAKESIDE LUTHERAN H. S.  
522 Wegenke, Erich J.

### LAND O'LAKES

CONSERVE SCHOOL  
628 Griffin, Erin E.

### MADISON

EDGEWOOD H. S.  
628 Beglinger, Carl J.  
450 Carr, George R.  
999 Everts, Clare M.  
454 Mott, David  
830 Murphy, Thomas M.  
999 Stein, Katherine D.

### HOMESCHOOL

999 Harber, Catherine A.

### MADISON EAST H. S.

999 Deitz, Wilder E.  
559 Hipke-Krueger, Anna G.  
947 Klafka, Katarina L.  
161 Swift-Burnham, Alice R.  
950 Utevsy, Mikko S.

### JAMES MADISON MEMORIAL H. S.

999 Butler, Maxwell S.  
999 Chen, Kevin  
000 Goetz, McKenna K.  
450 Gunasekaran, Suman  
742 Kalluri, Pratyusha  
999 Kroll, Julia L.  
450 Maicke, Andrew J.  
303 Morton, Jonathan A.  
904 Rodgers, Andrew  
467 Shin, Seungwon

### ST. AMBROSE ACADEMY

906 Hoerr, Winifred B.

### WEST H. S.

450 Abbott, Tristan H.  
628 Angenent-Mari, Nicolaas M.  
140 Barham, Elena F.  
999 Baum, Leora I.  
999 Brown, Evan D.  
950 Budke, Riley J.  
907 Carrel, Jacob R.  
843 Coff, Benjamin M.  
904 Corden, Evan E.  
185 Dieterle, Paul B.  
999 First, Susannah J.  
999 Flanigan, Bailey G.  
900 Gilbert, Zora H.  
456 Johansson, Mattias O.  
628 Morgan, Eva L.  
628 Niewold, Nikki K.  
200 Poisson, Ariane M.  
430 Pretto, William S.  
906 Ramakrishnan, Vivek  
628 Rudin, Shoshana L.  
950 Sidikman, Iris M.  
520 VanderArk, Willem A.  
000 Ventura, Rosemary K.  
999 Wellenstein, Kate C.  
999 Weng, Joanna Q.  
700 Whiting, Martin W.

### MANITOWOC

MANITOWOC LUTHERAN H. S.  
450 Schuette, James A.  
999 Winter, Audra E.

**Semifinalists: 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program**

**Wisconsin** (continued)

- RONCALLI H. S.  
303 Schemenauer, Orion A.
- MAPLE**  
NORTHWESTERN H. S.  
168 Stai, Jacob S.
- MARINETTE**  
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS ACADEMY  
999 Tandias, Rachel M.
- MARSHFIELD**  
MARSHFIELD H. S.  
161 Josephson, Michael P.  
166 Lavongsa, Cy  
628 Pathak, Rahul
- MENOMONIE**  
MENOMONIE H. S.  
628 Simpson, Daniel E.
- MEQUON**  
HOMESTEAD H. S.  
999 Gao, Wendy Y.  
628 Guo, Stella C.  
950 Ma, Monique K.  
454 Ramnarayan, Nikhil  
522 Sellars, McLane H.  
999 Tyagi, Erika  
550 Van Handel, Nicholas J.  
450 Yeh, Bryanna Y.
- MIDDLETON**  
MIDDLETON H. S.  
943 Biatch, Samantha C.  
742 Fourakis, Eva R.  
999 Gilchrist-Scott, Andrew J.  
999 Kjortie, Nicholas C.  
628 Nair, Nivedita  
791 Vosen, Grace J.  
450 Wassarman, Douglas R.
- MILTON**  
MILTON H. S.  
300 Bekta, Colin D.
- MILWAUKEE**  
DIVINE SAVIOR - HOLY ANGELS H. S.  
900 Ahmad, Halah Y.  
628 Bardele, Nicolette  
450 Buggs, Kathryn E.  
700 Gresk, Colleen B.  
907 Marcoux, Shannon R.
- HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
950 Kloss, Jessica L.
- HOMESCHOOL  
160 Dieffenbach, Michael W.  
610 Lau, Juliann
- RUFUS KING INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
950 Crossot, Camille  
843 Marshall-Christ, Ahmee  
904 Pruzina, Rory  
792 Shea, Eileen
- MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY H. S.  
628 Caragher, Seamus P.  
712 DeGuire, Joseph F.  
450 Kaminski, Conrad M.  
454 Kegel, John G.  
999 Koppa, Jack P.  
451 Lisak, Alexander M.  
450 Meilinger, Bradley T.  
628 Otto, Paul E.  
454 Reardon, Michael W.  
170 Rein, Nathaniel D.  
720 Sanders, John J.  
999 Schelble, Edwin  
209 Sprenger, Alexander M.
- MILWAUKEE LUTHERAN H. S.  
200 Meitler, Jeffrey P.
- UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MILWAUKEE  
303 Brostowicz, Adam R.  
700 Casey, John J.  
904 Cranston, Emma
- 904 Flanary, Nicole C.  
990 Janssen, Holly B.  
999 Rothacker, Julia R.  
360 Wheeler, Thomas B.
- MINOCQUA**  
LAKELAND UNION H. S.  
904 Veldhuizen, Carter E.
- MONDOVI**  
MONDOVI H. S.  
520 Bruning, Clarissa D.
- MONONA**  
MONONA GROVE H. S.  
950 Meyferth, Cameron B.
- MOUNT HOREB**  
MOUNT HOREB H. S.  
950 Frank, Tristan E.  
628 Matt, Generika A.  
742 Schoonover, Sierra
- MUKWONAGO**  
MUKWONAGO H. S.  
629 Kasim, Jesse A.  
559 Rauch, Kassandra J.  
999 Reynolds, Bradley J.
- MUSKEGO**  
MUSKEGO H. S.  
836 Klinka, Nicholas J.  
168 Spoerk, Nicholas J.
- NEENAH**  
NEENAH H. S.  
940 Armstrong, Kyle J.  
820 Godlewski, Benjamin J.  
901 Peterson, Sarah E.
- NEILLSVILLE**  
NEILLSVILLE H. S.  
457 Harmening, Clayton T.
- NEW BERLIN**  
EISENHOWER H. S.  
628 Barretto, Karina  
950 Hartmann, Gregory G.  
450 Lin, Qiuyu  
454 Nagarajan, Adithy S.  
454 Pauers, Leah H.
- NEW BERLIN WEST H. S.  
450 Egly, Russell J.
- OAK CREEK**  
OAK CREEK H. S.  
843 Shapiro, Jonah P.
- OCONTO FALLS**  
OCONTO FALLS H. S.  
906 Spaude, Ryan M.
- ONALASKA**  
LUTHER H. S.  
455 Trocinski, Nickolas T.
- ONALASKA H. S.  
628 Caron, Rachel E.  
999 Linzmeyer, Anna L.  
160 Senger, Caleb S.  
630 Vogel, Brianna E.
- OSHKOSH**  
LOURDES H. S.  
943 Dudenas, Katherine A.  
999 Keller, Marta L.  
741 McBride, Theresa D.
- OSHKOSH NORTH H. S.  
000 Franz, Nathan M.
- PEWAUKEE**  
PEWAUKEE H. S.  
450 Campbell, Rick F.
- PLATTEVILLE**  
PLATTEVILLE H. S.  
628 Cramer, Margaret A.
- PLEASANT PRAIRIE**  
LAKEVIEW TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY  
450 States, Kenneth G.
- PLYMOUTH**  
PLYMOUTH COMPREHENSIVE H. S.  
628 Martin, Charles G.
- PRAIRIE DU SAC**  
SAUK PRAIRIE H. S.  
742 Lang, Amy C.
- RACINE**  
JEROME I. CASE H. S.  
450 Shufelt, Adam J.  
450 Shufelt, Jeremy
- PRAIRIE SCHOOL  
303 Ringwalt, Daniel J.
- RICE LAKE**  
RICE LAKE H. S.  
430 Jilek, Brianna G.
- RIVER FALLS**  
RIVER FALLS H. S.  
454 Carlson, Sofia R.  
170 Ewens, Sophia
- SALEM**  
WESTOSHA CENTRAL H. S.  
870 Canovi, Ian R.
- SEYMOUR**  
SEYMOUR H. S.  
999 Wendt, Samuel E.
- SHAWANO**  
HOMESCHOOL  
820 Bergmann, Bailey E.
- SHAWANO H. S.  
450 Rycroft, Adam R.
- SHEBOYGAN**  
NORTH H. S.  
450 Amithirigala, Chamila H.  
302 Stank, Tyler A.
- SHEBOYGAN COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
202 Tenhaken, Spencer B.
- SHOREWOOD**  
SHOREWOOD H. S.  
999 Bleksley, Arwen C.  
185 Champagne-Sitzler, Gabriella R.  
999 Kuchin, Katherine S.  
185 Song, Zan  
999 Stillwell, Eileen J.
- SLINGER**  
SLINGER H. S.  
999 Garlie, Lydia D.  
454 Korinek, Kelley C.
- SPARTA**  
SPARTA H. S.  
204 Ender, Bodhi J.
- SPOONER**  
SPOONER H. S.  
457 Caitthamer, Jacob  
999 Gruel, Jordan A.  
522 Ocariz, Iciar C.
- STEVENS POINT**  
STEVENS POINT H. S.  
103 Guerrero, Melissa M.  
890 Renfert, Eric B.  
830 Wetzell, Laura R.
- STOUGHTON**  
STOUGHTON H. S.  
907 Clerkin, Nicholas C.  
204 Luhn, Theron J.  
892 Read, Hannah R.  
970 Sullivan, Caleb D.
- STURGEON BAY**  
STURGEON BAY H. S.  
700 Gordon, Ross E.
- SUN PRAIRIE**  
SUN PRAIRIE H. S.  
830 Keal, Ellen K.
- SUPERIOR**  
SUPERIOR H. S.  
999 Bergum, Jack K.
- SUSSEX**  
HAMILTON H. S.  
202 Olkowski, Mathew R.
- VERONA**  
HOMESCHOOL  
600 Bezruki, Anna R.
- VIOLA**  
KICKAPOO H. S.  
185 Crofton, Kathryn R.
- WALES**  
KETTLE MORAINES H. S.  
740 Angst, Jacob J.  
843 Henckel, Anna L.  
160 Laux, Jesse T.  
466 Murray, Sean P.
- WATERTOWN**  
WATERTOWN H. S.  
742 Conklin, Andrew S.  
162 Steinbrink, Maisie I.
- WAUKESHA**  
CATHOLIC MEMORIAL H. S.  
629 Kautz, Erin M.  
628 Kern, Joseph G.  
790 Kohls, Melanie N.
- HOMESCHOOL  
522 Hartung, David J.
- WAUKESHA NORTH H. S.  
450 Lohr, Michael P.
- WAUKESHA WEST H. S.  
904 Ferschinger, Michael R.  
628 Nelton, Emmalin B.  
121 Perry, Jocelyn J.
- WAUNAKEE**  
WAUNAKEE COMMUNITY H. S.  
162 Koenig, Lauren
- WAUSAU**  
WAUSAU EAST H. S.  
161 Schmidt, Joshua M.
- WAUSAU WEST H. S.  
451 Theisen, John J.
- WAUSAUKEE**  
WAUSAUKEE H. S.  
740 Edlbeck, Brett R.  
303 Mosher, Corbin J.
- WAUWATOSA**  
WAUWATOSA EAST H. S.  
455 Johnson, Tracy C.
- WAUWATOSA WEST H. S.  
430 Kirtley, Eilyn T.  
185 Mullins, Natalie C.  
999 Utech, Alexandra A.
- WEST BEND**  
WEST BEND EAST H. S.  
000 Kalishek, Tarryck K.
- WEST BEND WEST H. S.  
202 Schwalen, Michael J.
- WEST SALEM**  
WEST SALEM H. S.  
742 Stockus, Christopher D.
- WESTFIELD**  
WESTFIELD AREA H. S.  
740 Maas, Cordell J.
- WESTON**  
D. C. EVEREST H. S.  
000 Hupy, Matthew L.  
454 Lukasik, Joseph G.  
742 Thiele, Laura K.
- WHITEFISH BAY**  
DOMINICAN H. S.  
171 Foss, Amelia C.
- WHITEFISH BAY H. S.  
450 Beightol, Quinn  
700 Fallone, Emma C.

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**Wisconsin** (continued)

**WHITEWATER**

WHITEWATER H. S.  
450 Kanack, Jacob H.  
450 Molina, Max W.

**WRIGHTSTOWN**

WRIGHTSTOWN H. S.  
450 Scott, Michael D.