SEMIFINALISTS IN THE 2012 NATIONAL MERIT® SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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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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Caution: Using numbers of Semifinalists to compare high schools, educational systems, or states will result in erroneous conclusions. The National Merit® Scholarship Program honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. The program does not measure the quality or effectiveness of education within a school, system, or state. For more information about the competition, please visit NMSC’s website at www.nationalmerit.org.

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.

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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 $2,500 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.
Semifinalists: 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program

WISCONSIN

ALMA
ALMA H. S.
999 Machizuki-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, Denvers W.
999 Michels, Lauren R.
202 Schmitz, Trevor J.
161 Zhou, Jeffrey C.

FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN H. S.
561 Mrs. Deanna A.
459 Sehlhoff, David K.

HOMESCHOOL
999 Webster, Conrin
904 Willson, Emily J.

XAVIER H. S.
950 Carroll, Christian J.
169 Halhebeck, Nicolas
710 Worachek, Kaitlyn

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

BELLEVILLE
BELLEVILLE H. S.
907 Swanson, Lachlann N.

BONDUEL
BONDUEL H. S.
303 Olson,Ellia M.

BROOKFIELD
BROOKFIELD ACADEMY
722 Bray, Nicole M.
455 Collins, Elizabeth A.
720 Quereshi, Safieeyah S.
450 Ruvalcaiba, Randal K.

BROOKFIELD CENTRAL H. S.
940 Farrokhnia, Tamur W.
999 Hubler, Collin P.
204 Mokea, Joshua T.
950 Patchett, Samuel F.
161 Patel, Kirya S.
200 Wang, Phillip H.

BROOKFIELD EAST H. S.
999 Klinker, Meredith S.
720 Kreznar, Christian J.
902 Pritchard, Sarah V.
163 Shreekumar, Advik
999 Termuehlen, Gabrielle E.
742 Trivedi, Aditya H.
999 Volteras, 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 Geeks, Grace D.
520 Greivelt, Samantha
254 Kaiman, Kane R.
250 Quick, Margaret C.
160 Rand, Lindsay E.

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

MC DONELL
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 MAJORIAL H. S.
554 Ellingsboe, Elizabeth A.
999 Richmond, Beth M.
628 Smith, Maria J.
161 Tjella, 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, Madeleine M.
999 Yang, Angela

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

GRAFTON
GRAFTON H. S.
843 Gasiorowski, Sean J.

GREEN BAY
ASHWAUBEN SHATON H. S.
161 Darmoan, Phoebe A.
628 Wickham, Hannah E.

BAY H. S.
830 Meulemans, Jeremy P.
833 Monfre, Alice M.
162 Vandermause, Jonathan P.
455 Violette, Jack A.
870 Weber, Benjamin J.

HOMESCHOOL
628 Hunt, Matthew S.
990 Jung, Nathan
520 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 Grassean, Glenna M.
907 Kosarzy, 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.
792 Pinkerton, Riley M.
628 Scheibergabner, Anna T.

HOMESCHOOL
303 Van Gilder, John M.

UNIVERSITY LAKE SCHOOL
843 Foster, Gabriel J.
628 Seidel, Holly M.

HAYWARD
HAYWARD H. S.
250 Glosdoss, James A.

HOLMEN
HOLMEN H. S.
901 Beebach, Rachel E.
834 Strauss, Nathaniel A.

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

HUDSON
HUDSON H. S.
999 Gagliard, Samuel C.
520 Miller, Claire M.

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

JANESVILLE
JOSEPH A. CRAIG H. S.
600 Presid, Ryan M.
450 Reinicke, Danica J.

HOMESCHOOL
520 Cullum, Rebekah D.

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

HOMESCHOOL
999 Schlesman, Jacob M.

TREMPER H. S.
454 Ciskortas, Melissa
450 Hohs, Steven T.

KIMBERLY
KIMBERLY H. S.
520 Schreiber, Carissa

KOHLER
KOHLER H. S.
629 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'AKES
CONSERVE SCHOOL
628 Griffin, Erin E.

MADISON
EDGECWOOD H. S.
628 Belinger, Carl J.
450 Carr, George R.
999 Everts, Claire M.
944 Mott, David
830 Murphy, Thomas M.
999 Stein, Katherine D.

HOMESCHOOL
999 Harber, Catherine A.

MADISON EAST H. S.
950 Dietz, Wilder E.
561 Hipke-Krueger, Anna G.
947 Klatka, Kantara L.
161 Swift-Burnham, Alice R.
905 Utvesky, Mikko S.

JAMES MADISON MEMORIAL H. S.
999 Buller, Maxwell S.
999 Chen, Kevin
000 Goetz, McKenna K.
450 Gunasekaran, Sunan
742 Kalluri, Pratyusha
999 Kroll, Julia L.
561 Maice, Andrew J.
303 Morton, Jonathan A.
904 Rodgers, Andrew
467 Shin, Seungwon

ST. AMBROSE ACADEMY
906 Hoer, Winfred 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.
150 Dietterle, Paul B.
999 First, Susannah J.
999 Flanigan, Bailey G.
999 Gilbert, Zora H.
456 Johansson, Mattias O.
628 Morgan, Eva L.
628 Niewold, Nikke K.
200 Poisson, Ariane L.
430 Pretto, William S.
906 Ramakrishnan, Vivek
628 Rudin, Shoshana L.
561 Sidikman, Iris M.
520 VanderArk, Willem A.
000 Venturea, 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.
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Wisconsin (continued)

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

**WRIGHTSTOWN**
WRIGHTSTOWN H. S.
450 Scott, Michael D.