



National Achievement Scholarship Program

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SEMIFINALISTS IN THE 2010 NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT® SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM September 30, 2009 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 2010 National Achievement® Scholarship Program

(Evanston, Illinois) Today officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of more than 1,600 Black American high school seniors who have been designated Semifinalists in the 46th annual National Achievement Scholarship Program. These scholastically talented young men and women now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for approximately 800 Achievement Scholarship® awards, worth some \$2.6 million, to be offered next spring.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program, conducted by NMSC, is a privately financed academic competition that operates without government assistance. It was initiated in 1964 to recognize academically promising black students throughout the nation and to provide scholarships to a substantial number of the most outstanding program participants. To date, over 29,500 young men and women have received Achievement Scholarship awards worth \$94 million.

Approximately 1,300 Semifinalists are expected to fulfill additional requirements and advance to the Finalist level in the 2010 program. All Achievement Scholar® awardees will be selected from the Finalist group on the basis of their abilities, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

About the Competition

More than 160,000 high school juniors from all parts of the United States requested consideration in the 2010 National Achievement Scholarship Program when they took the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). Semifinalists were designated within geographic regions and are the highest-scoring program entrants in the states that make up each region.

To advance to the Finalist level in the competition, Semifinalists must present a record of high academic performance throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the high school principal, write an essay, and earn SAT scores that confirm the PSAT/NMSQT performance. Also, the Semifinalist and a high school official must complete a detailed scholarship application in which they provide information about the student's participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, and educational goals. The substantial amount of information collected about each Finalist will be used in the selection of scholarship winners.

National Achievement Scholarships

National Achievement Scholarships provided in 2010 will be supported by corporations, professional organizations, foundations, and by NMSC's own funds. Two types of scholarships will be offered. Every Finalist will compete for one of the 700 one-time National Achievement \$2500 Scholarships, which will be awarded on a regional representation basis. In addition, corporate and business sponsors will underwrite about 100 Achievement Scholarship awards for Finalists who meet criteria set by the grantor. Although some corporate-sponsored awards provide a single payment, most are renewable for up to four years of undergraduate study. NMSC will release the names of scholarship winners to news media in early April.

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Semifinalists: 2010 National Achievement Program

MARYLAND

ANNAPOLIS

ANNAPOLIS H. S.
256 Jackson, Kevin D.

BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE CITY COLLEGE H. S.
161 Fabiyi, Eliana A.

BOYS LATIN SCHOOL
OF MARYLAND

166 Bagley-McDade, Brock J.

CATONSVILLE H. S.
870 Torain, Maya J.

ARCHBISHOP CURLEY H. S.
430 Ray, Gabriel A.

CARDINAL GIBBONS SCHOOL
712 Thomas, Michael W.

GILMAN SCHOOL
467 Carpenter-Carter, Spencer
836 Johnson, Scott L.

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH H. S.
950 Ashton, Kasey D.

PARKVILLE H. S. CENTER FOR
MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND
COMPUTER SCIENCE
556 Maouyo, Paula

BETHESDA

HOLTON ARMS SCHOOL
000 McTootle, Taylor L.
000 Obioha, Obianuju A.

LANDON SCHOOL
900 Kight, Kai R.

STONE RIDGE SCHOOL OF THE
SACRED HEART
946 Donaway, Chantay N.

WALT WHITMAN H. S.
628 Lee, Rachael C.

BLADENSBURG

ELIZABETH SETON H. S.
843 Smarr, Olivia K.

BROOKLANDVILLE

THE PARK SCHOOL
454 McCoy, Eskender L.
712 Reid, Rajah J.

CLARKSVILLE

RIVER HILL H. S.
628 Osoba, Muyinat W.

COLUMBIA

HAMMOND H. S.
160 Bell, Tiffany N.

OAKLAND MILLS H. S.
999 Mayo, Chelsea O.

ELLICOTT CITY

CENTENNIAL H. S.
870 Stovall-Molles, Brianne A.

MOUNT HEBRON H. S.
628 Rogers, Chelsea M.

FREDERICK

FREDERICK H. S.
550 Vegh, Genna L.

GERMANTOWN

NORTHWEST H. S.
710 Markush-Hallman, Randall

GREENBELT

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT H. S.
950 Corbitt, Kelsey N.
560 Curry, Xavier A.
200 Fears, Fayola F.
999 Fuller, Reese H.
628 Hodge, Delante D.
710 Kennedy, Cazembe K.
522 Murray, Kevin P.
999 Shaibu, Benjamin I.
160 Tewelde, Blossom Z.
619 Wyatt, Olivia J.

HUNTINGTOWN

HUNTINGTOWN H. S.
459 Ahmad, Aziza M.
556 Brooks, Patricia
904 Hutzler, Kyle A.

LA PLATA

LA PLATA H. S.
164 Cole, Marcus A.

MARRIOTTSVILLE

CHAPELGATE CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY
520 Jones, Rachel T.

MILLERSVILLE

ROCKBRIDGE ACADEMY
520 James, Elizabeth T.

NORTH BETHESDA

GEORGETOWN PREPARATORY
SCHOOL
999 Bell, David M.

NORTH EAST

HOME SCHOOL
906 Quartey, Sarah A.

OWINGS MILLS

GARRISON FOREST SCHOOL
303 Beatty, Sasha D.

MC DONOGH SCHOOL
950 Morris-Byam, Javon J.

OXON HILL

OXON HILL H. S.
948 Bell, James H.
501 Clark, Skyler

POOLESVILLE

POOLESVILLE H. S.
171 Desalegn, Nakutolab

ROCKVILLE

RICHARD MONTGOMERY H. S.
520 Ammah-Tagoe, Adoley
906 Asher, Jodie-Ann
907 Carlson, Esther E.
906 Dagne, Yasmin
870 Eyring, Katherine W.

SILVER SPRING

THE BARRIE SCHOOL
121 Michell, Cara E.

MONTGOMERY BLAIR H. S.
999 Alemu, Elfalem Y.
559 Alnifaidy, Redab O.
999 Kapiamba, Alex M.
843 Ndousse, Kamal K.
170 Sarjeant, Jasmine L.

SPRINGBROOK H. S.
906 Sawadogo, Jessica J.

SPRINGDALE

CHARLES HERBERT
FLOWERS H. S.
740 McRae, Amber J.
453 Tolbert, Porschia D.

ST. JAMES

ST. JAMES SCHOOL
901 Jones, Tierra A.

TOWSON

CARVER CENTER FOR ARTS
AND TECHNOLOGY
836 Kurman, Leila F.
999 Myers, Elise M.

NOTRE DAME
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
204 Donahue, Paige H.

TOWSON H. S.
710 Amaechi, Pamela I.
600 Ashenafi, Hannah
999 Francis, Natalie K.

WALDORF

NORTH POINT H. S.
467 Lawanson, Malcolm I.
870 Scrivens, Julian L.