

NATIONAL MERIT® SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

OCT.

FILL IN
GRAD. YEAR - 2

COMPETITION STARTS

1,500,000 ENTRANTS

NMSC uses PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index scores to determine **50,000 high-scoring participants** who qualify for program recognition. In April ____, NMSC will ask high school principals to verify eligibilities of some participants.

SEPT.

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SELECTIONS

16,000 SEMIFINALISTS

34,000 COMMENDED

15,000 FINALISTS

In early **September**, nearly a third of the **50,000 high scorers** will be notified that they have qualified as *Semifinalists*. Semifinalists are the highest-scoring participants in each state.

MAR.

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

1,300 SP. SCHOLARSHIPS

7,600 NMSC RECIPIENTS

Beginning in March, NMSC will notify winners of Special Scholarships provided by corporate sponsors. Recipients, chosen from candidates sent scholarship application materials **in November**, will be outstanding students (although not Finalists).

Three types of Scholarship winners:

National Merit® \$2500 scholarships

Corporate-sponsored scholarships

College-sponsored scholarships

In April, May, and July, NMSC will release names of Merit Scholar Designees.

