



National Achievement Scholarship Program

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SEMIFINALISTS IN THE 2014 NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT® SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM September 25, 2013 Announcement

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Semifinalists Named in the 2014 National Achievement® Scholarship Program

(Evanston, Illinois) More than 1,600 Black American high school seniors who have been designated Semifinalists in the 50th annual National Achievement Scholarship Program were announced today by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) officials. These scholastically talented young men and women now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for approximately 800 Achievement Scholarship® awards worth about \$2.5 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a National Achievement Scholarship, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 80 percent of Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and more than half of the Finalists will win an Achievement Scholarship award.

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, approximately 32,700 young men and women have received Achievement Scholarship awards worth about \$103 million.

About the 2014 Competition

More than 160,000 high school juniors from all parts of the United States requested consideration in the 2014 National Achievement Scholarship Program when they took the 2012 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). Semifinalists are 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, the Semifinalist and their high school must submit a detailed scholarship application in which they provide information about the student's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. Semifinalists must present a record of high academic performance throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT scores that confirm their PSAT/NMSQT performance.

From the approximately 1,600 Semifinalists, about 1,300 are expected to advance to the Finalist level, and in January they will be notified of this designation. 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.

National Achievement Scholarships

National Achievement Scholarships provided in 2014 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: 2014 National Achievement Program

FLORIDA

APOPKA

APOPKA H. S.
630 Kennedy, Sashamarie C.
000 Knight, Keani
501 McDonald, Bria
121 Shaw, Michaela C.

AUBURNDALE

AUBURNDALE H. S.
630 Hyde, Lori-Ann A.

BOCA RATON

BOCA RATON COMMUNITY H. S.
628 Tersio, Isabelle C.

FLORIDA ATLANTIC
UNIVERSITY H. S.
254 Brooks, Ella R.

ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL
907 Clerger, Pieter K.

WEST BOCA RATON
COMMUNITY H. S.
836 Wright, Kristen A.

BRADENTON

IMG ACADEMY
450 Hunter, Gregory

MANATEE H. S.
629 DeWitty, Brianna N.

CELEBRATION

CELEBRATION H. S.
451 Starks, William F.

CLEARWATER

COUNTRYSIDE H. S.
946 Williams, Ashley N.

CLERMONT

EAST RIDGE H. S.
629 Lytle, Kadeen A.

COOPER CITY

COOPER CITY H. S.
161 Hall, Anya T.

CORAL SPRINGS

CORAL SPRINGS H. S.
250 Davis, Nadia J.

DAVIE

COLLEGE ACADEMY AT BROWARD
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
455 Facey, Marlon A.
214 Fisher, Nickeela

NOVA H. S.
900 Fatunde, Ayomide M.

UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NOVA
SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
467 Gaffley, Stephen J.

WESTERN H. S.
628 Ali, Rowanne
999 Goodman, Seth M.

DAYTONA BEACH

FATHER LOPEZ H. S.
628 West, Jason P.

DEERFIELD BEACH

DEERFIELD BEACH H. S.
630 Hewitt, Adrienne S.
164 Phang, Christopher W.

DELRAY BEACH

ATLANTIC COMMUNITY H. S.
619 Demezier, Christopher B.

DOVER

STRAWBERRY CREST H. S.
303 Bagley, Daryl O.
830 Gibson, Kelvin D.
169 Johnson, Kendall K.
160 Rowley, Sarah E.

FORT LAUDERDALE

CALVARY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
741 Cox, Jenna E.

PINE CREST SCHOOL
160 Cureton, Angela M.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS H. S.
600 Charles, Roger J.
710 Ellis, Kendall N.
600 Harris, Briana A.
628 King, Mya A.
160 Laughton, Maya T.
772 Love, Kristen
999 Sapp, Ashley
628 St. Julien, Jahdziah O.

STRANAHAN H. S.
710 Antigua, Brian

WESTMINSTER ACADEMY
450 Pearson, Jazzmyne A.

FORT MYERS

CYPRESS LAKE H. S.
906 Hodges, Conor D.

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
628 White, Anna V.

FORT MYERS H. S.
628 Chege, Shalom W.
000 Senechares, Kenya C.

FORT PIERCE

LINCOLN PARK ACADEMY
162 Bacchus, Robert M.
454 Christian, Stephone M.

GAINESVILLE

BUCHHOLZ H. S.
140 Alford, Andre L.

882 Delk, Raven

EASTSIDE H. S.
627 Adesogan, Olutosin I.
999 Debose-Scarlett, Evon M.
870 Dede, Breanna A.

GULF BREEZE

GULF BREEZE H. S.
833 Chance, Quadry A.

HOLLYWOOD

MC ARTHUR H. S.
303 Morgan, Saran

HOMESTEAD

SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES
999 Aquart, Tia A.

JACKSONVILLE

HARVEST COMMUNITY SCHOOL
960 Marts, Lonnie

MANDARIN H. S.
162 Grinam, Vaughn M.

TERRY PARKER H. S.
712 Doreus, Manouchka S.

PAXON SCHOOL FOR
ADVANCED STUDIES
185 Campayne, Shane E.

STANTON COLLEGE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
619 Bacon, Desia A.
843 Crosby, Michael A.
908 Henderson, Aquaria
459 Ivey, Ayanna M.

450 Kellam, Arielle C.
000 Lewis, Robert T.

KISSIMMEE

GATEWAY H. S.
870 Dunkley, Acaica E.

LAKE MARY

LAKE MARY
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
161 Ukah, Kenneth N.

LARGO

INDIAN ROCKS
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
836 Fitzpatrick, Ian C.

LAUDERDALE LAKES

BOYD H. ANDERSON H. S.
000 Haughton, Joseph P.

LEHIGH ACRES

LEHIGH H. S.
628 Georges, Emmanuel

LITHIA

NEWSOME H. S.
454 Watson, Garrett A.

LUTZ

GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER H. S.
999 Simmons, Alex L.

MELBOURNE

HOLY TRINITY
EPISCOPAL ACADEMY
600 Gayles, Daryth A.

WEST SHORE H. S.

907 Brown, Natalie S.

MIAMI

CORAL REEF H. S.
185 Bennett, Raymond P.
628 Dezeme, Johanna N.
301 Morales, Teofilo

JOHN A. FERGUSON H. S.

522 Iton, Miles M.
450 Straker, Julian L.

GULLIVER PREPARATORY SCHOOL

250 Keane, Ciara L.

DR. MICHAEL M. KROP H. S.

160 Tyler-Mills, Sandra K.

MIAMI PALMETTO H. S.

454 Deam, Theodore J.
940 Siclait, Sebastien

ROBERT MORGAN
EDUCATIONAL CENTER
628 Cobb, Jakia

ALONZO AND TRACY

MOURNING H. S.
999 Kebed, Mesert
520 Michaels, Jasmine

NEW WORLD SCHOOL OF
THE ARTS

185 Forges, Joshua A.

SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED
STUDIES - NORTH

457 Estelhomme, Cedrick O.

SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED
STUDIES - SOUTH

999 Lester, Rebecca

SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED
STUDIES - WOLFSON

742 Alexander, Alasha D.

ST. BRENDAN H. S.

270 Smith, Tia C.

MIAMI LAKES

MIAMI LAKES EDUCATION CENTER

628 Maddy, Krisna S.

MIAMI SPRINGS

MIAMI SPRINGS H. S.
450 Jimenez, Alexander

MIRAMAR

HOMESCHOOL
501 Taylor, Omar M.

MIRAMAR H. S.

629 Henry, Deanna
628 Voltaire, Cajohn S.

MONTVERDE

MONTVERDE ACADEMY
451 Hanley, Hans W.

NAPLES

GULF COAST H. S.
301 Hancock, Nicholas M.
904 Walerys, Oliver E.

OCALA

VANGUARD H. S.
161 Obimdiike, Faith C.
903 Williams, Adrianna

WEST PORT H. S.
454 Blaize, Ebony C.
619 Wall, Tessa M.

OPA - LOCKA

MONSIGNOR EDWARD PACE H. S.
950 Pulley, Nina E.

ORLANDO

LAKE HIGHLAND
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
999 Major, Munatsi

OLYMPIA H. S.
204 Harding, Alexander F.

UNIVERSITY H. S.
628 Ofori, Joel K.

PANAMA CITY

BAY H. S.
000 Daly, Tyler L.

PARKLAND

MARJORY STONEMAN
DOUGLAS H. S.
451 Hewling, Brett

PEMBROKE PINES

CHARLES W. FLANAGAN H. S.
520 King, Candace S.

PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER H. S.

466 Noble, Omar A.
629 Olaniyan, Aliyah A.
160 Trammell, Taylor S.

WEST BROWARD H. S.

630 Dash, Brittany A.

PLANTATION

AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL
218 Andrade, Rachel A.
628 Bradley, Deanna
999 Chan, Lian E.
628 Glover, Benjamin I.
185 Ingram, Jawanza K.
467 Lampart, Kyle C.
600 Maurice, Joshua A.
712 Smith, Matthew N.
465 Taylor, Danielle A.
999 Vinson, Samuel W.

POMPANO BEACH

BLANCHE ELY H. S.
843 Fils-Aime, Fabrice A.

POMPANO BEACH H. S.
450 Bassett-Audain, Lucas
175 Byrd, Tyler A.
400 Joseph, Nyasha C.

PONTE VEDRA

ALLEN D. NEASE H. S.
628 Memory, Tristan A.

PORT ORANGE

SPRUCE CREEK H. S.
999 Taylor, Chesalon A.

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Florida (continued)

WINTER PARK H. S.
450 Gill, Paul F.

WINTER SPRINGS

WINTER SPRINGS H. S.
162 Darby, Marcus E.
555 Tucker, Sabrina G.

RIVIERA BEACH

SUNCOAST COMMUNITY H. S.
467 Angarita, Luis M.
712 Bisasor, Jhanelle H.
300 Jackson, Anthony L.
628 Jean, Grace H.
457 Nazaire, Willene D.
300 Raymond, Randall R.
450 Scott, Daniel A.

SANFORD

SEMINOLE H. S.
990 Murray, Evan S.

SEMINOLE

OSCEOLA H. S.
630 Bright, Lorenzo S.

SOUTHWEST RANCH

ARCHBISHOP EDWARD A.
MC CARTHY H. S.
250 Pluviose, Darcelle

ST. PETERSBURG

ST. PETERSBURG H. S.
300 Bender, Anthony D.

SUNRISE

PIPER H. S.
400 Brown, Ariel A.
870 Wilson, Angalee

TALLAHASSEE

FLORIDA STATE
UNIVERSITY SCHOOL
894 Clayton, Jasmine A.

LINCOLN H. S.
712 Hall, Gregory

TAMPA

AMERICAN YOUTH ACADEMY
722 Mostafa, Serene A.

CARROLLWOOD DAY SCHOOL
457 Rowe, Rosia S.

JESUIT H. S.
450 Carter, Jacob G.
254 Velez, Julian C.

C. LEON KING H. S.
204 Epstein, Jordan T.
254 Robertson, Nylah J.
208 Rodney, Rennia P.
166 Sroufe, Madison D.

T. R. ROBINSON H. S.
185 Brumfield, Sydney A.

TAMPA CATHOLIC H. S.
948 Brown, Tatyana J.

WHARTON H. S.
161 Elenzi, Victor
628 Mishaw, Pamela J.
712 Outen, Kiana J.

TARPON SPRINGS

EAST LAKE H. S.
999 Williams, Jason

VALRICO

BLOOMINGDALE H. S.
999 Martin, Rory T.

WESLEY CHAPEL

WIREGRASS RANCH H. S.
302 Houston, Darryl M.
454 Sorezza, Nadia G.

WINTER GARDEN

WEST ORANGE H. S.
619 Richard, Lude M.

WINTER PARK

TRINITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL
999 Burke, Richelle A.
550 Cross, Toni A.
520 Perkins, Gillian L.
627 Robinson, Danielle