

National Merit Scholarship Program

The National Merit® Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®)—a test which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.5 million entrants each year—and by meeting published program entry and participation requirements.

In early September, about 16,000 students, or approximately one-third of the 50,000 highest scorers, are notified that they have qualified as Semifinalists. In February, some 15,000 Semifinalists are notified that they have advanced to Finalist standing. All winners of Merit Scholarship® awards are chosen from the Finalist group based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments.

Cooper High School has begun a rich tradition by producing the following National Merit Qualifiers:

Class of 2012: *Corey Siler (Finalist)*

Class of 2014: *Andrew Stewart (Finalist)*

Class of 2015: *Caleb Sansoucy (Finalist)*

