

2024 National Merit Motorola Solutions Scholarship Program

For United States high school junior (grade 11/third year) students who will be completing or leaving high school and entering college in the fall of 2024*

The National Merit Motorola Solutions Scholarship Program

This scholarship program was established by Motorola Solutions Foundation for children of Motorola Solutions, Inc. employees. The annual academic competition is conducted through the National Merit® Scholarship Program by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), an independent, not-for-profit organization. NMSC's purposes are (1) to identify and honor exceptionally able high school students and (2) to provide a system of services for corporations, foundations, and other organizations that wish to sponsor college undergraduate scholarships for outstanding students who interest them. All aspects of the selection of winners and the administration of their awards are handled by NMSC.

Who is eligible?

Only U.S. high school students who are children of current employees of Motorola Solutions, Inc. can compete for these scholarships. Such students also must meet all requirements for participation in the National Merit Scholarship Program published in the *PSAT/NMSQT® Student Guide*, which is updated annually and distributed to students through their high schools. The *Student Guide* is also available on NMSC's website at www.nationalmerit.org.

To participate in the program, students must take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) in the specified year of their high school program. Students who plan to spend the usual four years in high school (grades 9 through 12) before entering college full time must take the PSAT/NMSQT in their third year of high school (grade 11, junior year). The *Student Guide* explains these and other requirements for the competition, gives detailed information about the test (including sample questions and a complete practice test), and describes the scholarship programs NMSC administers.

* If a student's high school enrollment does not match the description provided above, or if you have any questions about when a student should take the PSAT/NMSQT to enter this competition, please refer to the *Student Guide* or contact NMSC immediately.

How does a student enter the 2024 National Merit Motorola Solutions Scholarship Program?

To enter the competition for National Merit Motorola Solutions Scholarships to be awarded in the spring of 2024, the student must take the October 2022 PSAT/NMSQT on the date the student's school chooses for the administration. At the beginning of the 2022–2023 school year, the student should obtain a copy of the 2022 *PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide* from the high school counselor and make arrangements with the school to take the 2022 PSAT/NMSQT.

Important information about the 2022 PSAT/NMSQT

- The **2022 PSAT/NMSQT is the qualifying test to enter the 2024 competition**. Selection Index scores from prior PSAT/NMSQT administrations (2021 or earlier) cannot be used for participation in the 2024 program.
- The **2022 PSAT/NMSQT** will be administered as follows:
 - Primary test date: Wednesday, October 12, 2022**
 - Saturday test date: Saturday, October 15, 2022**
 - Other test date: Tuesday, October 25, 2022**

- As a cosponsor of the examination, NMSC receives all 2022 PSAT/NMSQT scores and information students provide on their answer sheets. Therefore, students do not need to report their 2022 PSAT/NMSQT scores to NMSC.
- For more information about the PSAT/NMSQT or the National Merit Scholarship Program, visit NMSC's website at www.nationalmerit.org.

Unable to take the October 2022 PSAT/NMSQT?

If a student does not take the October 2022 PSAT/NMSQT **because of illness, an emergency, or other extenuating circumstance** (but meets all other participation requirements), the student may still be able to enter the 2024 competition. To request information about another route of entry after the October 2022 PSAT/NMSQT administration, write directly to NMSC as soon as possible **but no later than April 1, 2023**. The alternate entry request should include the name and address of the student, the contact information of the person making the request, the name and address of the student's high school, and a brief explanation of why the student missed the October 2022 PSAT/NMSQT. **Do not delay; the earlier you write, the more options your child will have for scheduling test dates.**

Requests for alternate testing instructions may be sent by:

Email: ae@nmerit.net

Mail: National Merit Scholarship Corporation
Attn: Scholarship Administration
1560 Sherman Avenue, Suite 200
Evanston, IL 60201-4897

Your email must be received, or your letter postmarked on or before April 1, 2023, for your request to be considered.

How are winners selected?

Selection Index scores from the 2022 PSAT/NMSQT will be used by NMSC to identify more than 16,000 U.S. high school students as **National Merit Semifinalists** in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program. In early September 2022, NMSC will provide scholarship application materials to Semifinalists through their high schools. **(Parental employment information is provided by Semifinalists on National Merit Scholarship Applications they submit for the 2024 program year.)** To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, Semifinalists must advance to National Merit Finalist standing in the competition by meeting high academic standards and all other requirements explained in the *Requirements and Instructions for Semifinalists in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program* document provided to each Semifinalist.

Information Finalists provide on the National Merit Scholarship Applications will be used to identify candidates for corporate-sponsored awards. NMSC's professional staff will choose recipients from the pool of eligible candidates, based on an evaluation of their abilities, academic records, and accomplishments both in and out of school. NMSC will evaluate all Finalists' application based on information provided by students and their schools, which includes the academic record, the school's recommendation of the Finalist, student essay, extracurricular activities, and scores on the PSAT/NMSQT. Winners will be the Finalists judged to have the most distinguished credentials and potential for academic success in rigorous college studies, based on their abilities and accomplishments—without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, religious preference, or family financial circumstances.

In March 2024, NMSC will begin mailing scholarship offers to winners at their home addresses, with confidential notification to their high school principals.

What is the amount of the award?

Each National Merit Motorola Solutions Scholarship stipend is \$2,000 per year for up to four years of college undergraduate study or until baccalaureate degree requirements are completed, whichever occurs first. Other scholarship aid or an approved change in the winner's college of attendance will not affect the amount of the award.

Are there requirements that scholarship winners must meet?

Yes. The formal offer of a National Merit Motorola Solutions Scholarship that NMSC sends to each winner specifies the Terms of the Scholarship. A winner must be granted and accept admission to college no later than the fall following the offer of the scholarship. All scholarships must be used at a college or university in the United States that holds accredited status with a regional accrediting commission on higher education. Scholarship stipends are not payable for attendance at service academies or certain institutions that are limited in purpose or training. Also, the winner must enroll as a full-time undergraduate student in good academic and disciplinary standing and pursue a course of study leading a traditional baccalaureate degree.

Who handles scholarship procedures?

All phases of the competition, including the selection of winners and payment of scholarship stipends, are handled for Motorola Solutions Foundation by National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

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