Connecting Students to Scholarships

Helping students afford college

To complement our work with National Merit Scholarship Corporation and further remove barriers to college and career success for students across the country, the College Board recently added additional partnerships with scholarship providers.

Students taking the PSAT/NMSQT® now have increased access to nearly $180 million in combined annual awards for low-income and minority students.

Beginning with the class of 2015, these organizations will be able to use data from the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) to enhance their recruitment efforts and reach a more representative group of eligible students from high schools across the country.

Students should opt into Student Search Service® when they take the PSAT/NMSQT to benefit from these opportunities.

Current Active Partners

[List of logos from UNCF, Hispanic Scholarship Fund, AIGC, APIASEF, Jack Kent Cooke Foundation]

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National Merit Scholarship Corporation

Students who take the PSAT/NMSQT continue to receive entry into the National Merit Scholarship Program competition, which has recognized 3 million students since its inception in 1955.

The SAT® Suite of Assessments

These scholarship opportunities build on the benefits of the PSAT/NMSQT and the other assessments within the College Board Readiness and Success System, which include:

▶ Detailed, consistent performance feedback over time and suggestions for improvement, so that more students are college and career ready.
▶ Readiness benchmarks and reporting to help students get and stay on target for college.
▶ Supporting access to challenging course work by identifying students’ potential to succeed in Advanced Placement® courses.
▶ Practice for the SAT®.
▶ Entry into the National Merit Scholarship Program competition as well as programs such as the National Hispanic Recognition Program.
▶ Access to free college planning resources.
▶ A consistent online reporting experience.

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