



Requirements and Instructions for Semifinalists in the 2008 National Achievement® Scholarship Program

REQUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING A FINALIST

As a Semifinalist named in the fall of 2007, you must advance to Finalist standing before you can be considered for an Achievement Scholarship® award to be offered in 2008. You must meet all specified requirements and deadlines, or you will be withdrawn from the competition. To qualify as a Finalist you must:

1. Continue to meet all program entry requirements (published in the 2006 *Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT*®).
2. Be enrolled full time in the last year of high school and be planning to enroll full time in college in the fall of 2008 **or** be enrolled in the first year of college, if grades 9–12 were completed in three years or less.
3. Be a black student who is a citizen of the United States; or be a black student who is a U.S. lawful permanent resident (or have applied for permanent residence, the application for which has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. If you have not yet become a U.S. citizen, see box below.
4. Be fully endorsed for Finalist standing and recommended for an Achievement Scholarship award by your high school principal (or school official designated by the principal).
5. Have a record of consistently high academic performance in **all** of grades 9–12 and in any college course work taken. Your school must provide a complete record of high school courses you have taken, grades earned, and course work you will take in grade 12. The school also is to notify the National Achievement Program of any noticeable decline in your academic performance during the current year. If you are now in college, high academic performance must continue and must be documented by an official transcript of your record (see instructions on page 2 of this leaflet).
6. Complete all student sections, A–F, of the *Achievement Scholarship Application*; by September 14, or other date set by your school, give the entire application to your principal or designated school official for completion of the school sections, G–K. The school official then must mail the completed application to the National Achievement Program by October 15, 2007.
7. Take the *current* SAT Reasoning Test™ and earn scores that confirm your 2006 PSAT/NMSQT performance. You must take (or have taken) a national administration of the SAT Reasoning Test between October 2005 and December 2007. Also, **it is your responsibility** to file a request with the College Board SAT® Program to have an official report of your SAT scores sent to the National Achievement Program (code 0300). See page 2 of this leaflet for detailed information about authorized SAT administrations and score reporting.
8. Provide any additional documentation and information that the National Achievement Program requests.

If you have not yet become a U.S. citizen, you must enclose with your completed *Achievement Scholarship Application*:

- A letter signed by you explaining your plans for becoming a citizen, including the date on which you expect to be eligible and will apply for U.S. citizenship.

AND

- **If you are a U.S. lawful permanent resident**, a copy of your Permanent Resident Card (Green Card); **or** a copy of your passport including the identity/biographical page and the “I-551” stamp showing that you have been granted lawful permanent resident status.
- OR**
- **If you have applied for U.S. lawful permanent residence**, a copy of the Form I-797 Receipt Notice from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) that verifies you filed the “Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status” (Form I-485). *Note: Form I-797 Receipt Notice must be received by the National Achievement Program on or before January 31, 2008.*

TAKING THE SAT AND HAVING YOUR SCORES REPORTED

To become a Finalist, you must confirm your PSAT/NMSQT performance with scores on the SAT Reasoning Test. It is **your sole responsibility** to:

1. take the SAT on a date authorized by the National Achievement Program; and
2. request that the College Board SAT Program send an official report of your SAT scores to the National Achievement Scholarship Program (**code 0300**).

You can register for the SAT **online** at collegeboard.com or by mail. To register by mail, you need a *Registration Booklet* which is available at your school counselor's office. If your high school does not have a copy, telephone the SAT Program to request one (866-756-7346 Domestic or 212-713-7789 International).

The SAT Program will **not** report your scores to the National Achievement Program unless you request it, and you cannot substitute a photocopy of the score report sent to you or your school for the official report. Send all testing and score reporting fees directly to the SAT Program.

- **Authorized SAT administrations**

Scores earned on national administrations of the SAT Reasoning Test **from October 2005 through December 2007** will be considered by the National Achievement Scholarship Program. Scores from a national SAT administration taken earlier than October 2005 or later than December 2007 will not be accepted. Your critical reading score, math score, and writing multiple-choice subscore will be the basis for determining whether you meet the confirming score requirement.

- **If you have not yet taken the SAT**

Register NOW to take the SAT on one of the following dates in 2007 and request that scores be sent to the National Achievement Scholarship Program (code 0300):

- October 6
- November 3
- December 1

We urge you to take the SAT no later than November 3 and not wait until the December administration.

- **If you have already taken an authorized administration of the SAT**

IMMEDIATELY request that an official score report be sent to the National Achievement Program (**code 0300**) by using one of the following services:

1. View and Send Scores at collegeboard.com

OR

2. Automated Telephone Service at 866-756-7346 Domestic or 212-713-7789 International

- **Be sure to check your official SAT score report**

Look at the score report sent to you by the SAT Program to be certain it shows the National Achievement Scholarship Program (0300) as a recipient. If it is not listed, immediately use one of the two methods listed above to request that a score report be sent. This is very important because you will be withdrawn from further consideration in the competition if the National Achievement Program does not receive a timely report of your scores from an authorized SAT administration.

SEMIFINALISTS NOW ENROLLED FULL TIME IN COLLEGE

Once you have completed Sections A–F of your *Achievement Scholarship Application*, send the entire application to the principal of the high school you last attended. A school official should complete Sections G–K and mail the entire application to the National Achievement Program by October 15. If you report a college choice in Section A, it should be the college you plan to attend in 2008-09.

To be considered for Finalist standing, you must meet all requirements specified on page 1 and, immediately after the end of the current term, arrange to have your college send an **official transcript** of all college course work you have taken to the National Achievement Program.

COLLEGE CHOICE

College choice is not considered in determining whether a Semifinalist qualifies as a Finalist. However, it is requested because Achievement Scholarship awards can only be used for attendance at a college or university in the United States that holds accredited status with a regional accrediting commission on higher education. All Achievement Scholarship awards **are** transferable from one regionally accredited college or university in the United States to another.

You are asked to report your choice of college (to which you are applying for admission) in Section A of your *Achievement Scholarship Application*. However, if you are undecided, write “undecided” on your application and report a college choice to the National Achievement Program as soon as possible. You can report your college choice or a change in it by mailing the postcard provided in your *Semifinalist Packet*, or by faxing a copy to the National Achievement Program at (847) 866-5143. (The [college choice card](#) is also available on this site.) It is your responsibility to apply and be admitted to the college you plan to attend.

Schedule and Deadlines for the 2008 Achievement Scholarship Competition

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| September 14 | (or other date set by school) Semifinalist gives <i>Achievement Scholarship Application</i> to principal or designated official |
| September 26 | Names of 1,600 National Achievement Program Semifinalists are released to news media by NMSC |
| October 6 | SAT administration date |
| October 15 | School mails completed <i>Achievement Scholarship Application</i> to the National Achievement Program |
| November 3 | SAT administration date Semifinalists who took an earlier authorized administration of SAT should have requested the SAT Program to report scores to the National Achievement Program (code 0300) |
| December 1 | Last date for Semifinalists to take SAT |

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| January 14 | Selection committees begin choosing Achievement Scholarship award winners |
| January 23 | National Achievement Program notifies principals of their Semifinalists who have become Finalists; a <i>Certificate of Achievement</i> is provided for each Finalist |
| January 25 | National Achievement Program notifies Finalists of their status at their home addresses |
| February 22 | National Achievement Program begins mailing scholarship offers to winners at their home addresses; their principals are also notified |
| April 2 | Names of Achievement Scholarship winners are released to news media by NMSC |
| April 16 | Finalists who are not selected to receive a scholarship are notified at their home addresses |

If you have questions, contact: National Achievement Scholarship Program
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Listed below with code numbers are major fields of study frequently offered at institutions of higher education and careers to which they lead. General fields are shown in bold type. If your exact major and career choices are not included, please choose the ones that are most similar.

COLLEGE MAJOR CODES

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| 100 Agriculture, Agriculture Operations and Related Sciences | 218 Marketing/Marketing Management, General | 474 Materials Science | 627 Pre-Dentistry Studies | 830 Physical Sciences |
| 101 Agricultural Business and Management | 250 Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs | 467 Mechanical Engineering | 628 Pre-Medicine/Pre-Medical Studies | 832 Astronomy |
| 103 Animal Sciences | 251 Advertising | 468 Mining and Mineral Engineering | 629 Pre-Pharmacy Studies | 833 Astrophysics |
| 120 Architecture and Related Services | 252 Communication and Media Studies | 470 Nuclear Engineering | 630 Pre-Veterinary Studies | 834 Atmospheric Sciences and Meteorology |
| 121 Architecture | 253 Digital Communication and Media/Multimedia | 472 Petroleum Engineering | 700 History | 836 Chemistry |
| 123 City/Urban, Community, and Regional Planning | 254 Journalism | 475 Polymer/Plastics Engineering | 710 Legal Professions and Studies | 837 Geological and Earth Sciences/Geosciences |
| 125 Landscape Architecture | 256 Public Relations/Image Management | 500 Engineering Technologies/Technicians | 712 Pre-Law Studies | 843 Physics |
| 140 Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies | 257 Radio and Television | 501 Computer Engineering Technology/Technician | 720 Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies, and Humanities | 870 Psychology |
| 141 Area Studies | 300 Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services | 502 Drafting/Design Engineering Technologies/Technician | 722 Humanities/Humanistic Studies | 880 Public Administration and Social Service Professions |
| 142 Ethnic, Cultural Minority, and Gender Studies | 303 Computer Science | 509 Telecommunications Technology/Technician | 723 Liberal Arts and Sciences/ Liberal Studies | 881 Human Services, General |
| 160 Biological and Biomedical Sciences | 308 Information Science/Studies | 520 English Language and Literature/Letters | 740 Mathematics and Statistics | 882 Public Administration |
| 161 Biology/Biological Sciences, General | 400 Education | 522 Creative Writing | 741 Applied Mathematics | 883 Public Policy Analysis |
| 162 Biochemistry | 407 Early Childhood Education and Teaching | 540 Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences | 742 Mathematics | 884 Social Work |
| 163 Biophysics | 417 Elementary Education and Teaching | 542 Foods, Nutrition, and Wellness Studies, General | 743 Statistics | 890 Security and Protective Services |
| 164 Biotechnology | 430 Secondary Education and Teaching | 550 Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics | 770 Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies | 892 Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Administration |
| 166 Cell/Cellular Biology and Anatomical Sciences | 432 Special Education and Teaching | 553 Classics and Classical Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics | 771 Biological and Physical Sciences | 894 Forensic Science and Technology |
| 167 Ecology | 450 Engineering | 554 Comparative Literature | 772 International/Global Studies | 900 Social Sciences |
| 168 Genetics | 451 Aerospace, Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering | 555 East Asian Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics | 773 Mathematics and Computer Science | 901 Anthropology |
| 169 Marine Biology and Biological Oceanography | 452 Agricultural/Biological Engineering and Bioengineering | 556 French Language and Literature | 774 Neuroscience | 902 Archaeology |
| 170 Microbiological Sciences and Immunology | 453 Architectural Engineering | 557 German Language and Literature | 790 Natural Resources and Conservation | 903 Economics |
| 171 Molecular Biology | 454 Biomedical/Medical Engineering | 559 Linguistics | 791 Environmental Science | 904 Geography |
| 175 Zoology/Animal Biology | 455 Chemical Engineering | 560 Russian Language and Literature | 792 Environmental Studies | 905 International Relations and Affairs |
| 200 Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services | 456 Civil Engineering | 561 Spanish Language and Literature | 793 Fishing and Fisheries Sciences and Management | 906 Political Science and Government |
| 201 Accounting and Related Services | 457 Computer Engineering, General | 600 Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences | 794 Forestry | 907 Sociology |
| 202 Actuarial Science | 459 Electrical, Electronics and Communications Engineering | 602 Allied Health Diagnostic, Intervention, and Treatment Professions | 796 Wildlife and Wildlands Science and Management | 920 Theology and Religious Vocations |
| 204 Business Administration, Management and Operations | 461 Engineering Physics | 603 Athletic Training/Trainer | 800 Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies | 940 Visual and Performing Arts |
| 209 Finance and Financial Management Services | 462 Engineering Science | 605 Clinical/Medical Laboratory Science and Allied Professions | 802 Parks, Recreation, and Leisure Facilities Management | 941 Art History, Criticism, and Conservation |
| 211 Hospitality Administration/Management | 463 Environmental/Environmental Health Engineering | 606 Communication Disorders Sciences and Services | 803 Sport and Fitness Administration/Management | 942 Dance |
| 212 Human Resources Management and Services | 464 Geological/Geophysical Engineering | 607 Dental Hygiene/Hygienist | 810 Personal and Culinary Services | 943 Drama and Dramatics, Theatre Arts, General |
| 214 International Business | 465 Industrial Engineering | 610 Dietetics and Clinical Nutrition Services | 820 Philosophy and Religious Studies | 944 Fashion/Apparel Design |
| 217 Management Information Systems and Services | 466 Materials Engineering | 619 Nursing | 821 Philosophy | 945 Film/Video and Photographic Arts |
| | | 620 Occupational Therapy/Therapist | 822 Religion/Religious Studies | 947 Fine and Studio Art |
| | | 624 Physical Therapy/Therapist | | 948 Graphic Design |
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| | | | | 950 Music |
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CAREER CODES

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| 100 Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences | 211 Restaurant or Hotel Manager/Event Planner | 457 Computer Engineer | 631 Public Health Worker or Administrator | 870 Psychology |
| 101 Farm or Ranch Manager | 212 Human Resources Specialist | 459 Electrical Engineer | 700 History | 871 Psychologist |
| 103 Agricultural Manager or Specialist | 217 Business Information Systems Analyst, Manager, or Consultant | 460 Design Engineer | 701 Historian | 872 Counselor |
| 105 Crop or Soil Chemist | 218 Marketing or Sales Manager/Market Researcher | 463 Environmental Engineer | 710 Legal Professions | 880 Public Administration and Social Service |
| 120 Architecture and Related Services | 250 Communication and Journalism | 464 Geological or Geophysical Engineer | 712 Lawyer | 881 Mental Health Worker |
| 121 Architect | 251 Advertiser | 465 Industrial Engineer | 740 Mathematics and Statistics | 882 City Manager |
| 123 City Planner/Urban Designer or Developer | 252 Communications Specialist or Consultant | 466 Materials or Metallurgical Engineer | 742 Mathematician | 883 Public Policy Researcher, Analyst, or Consultant |
| 125 Landscape Architect | 253 Multimedia Designer, Analyst or Manager | 467 Mechanical Engineer | 743 Statistician | 884 Social Worker |
| 160 Biological and Biomedical Sciences | 254 Newspaper, Magazine or Broadcast Journalist | 468 Mine or Construction Engineer | 770 Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies | 890 Security and Protective Services |
| 161 Biologist/Biological Researcher | 256 Public Relations Specialist | 470 Nuclear Engineer | 771 Natural Sciences Manager | 892 Law Enforcement Officer |
| 162 Biochemist | 300 Computer and Information Sciences | 472 Petroleum Engineer | 772 Foreign Service Worker | 894 Forensic Scientist |
| 163 Biophysicist | 303 Applications Programmer | 475 Polymer/Plastics Engineer | 774 Neuroscientist | 900 Social Sciences |
| 164 Biotechnologist | 308 Computer or Information Systems Designer/ Systems Analyst | 500 Engineering Technologies | 790 Natural Resources and Conservation | 901 Anthropologist |
| 166 Cell Biologist | 400 Education | 520 English Language and Literature/Letters | 791 Environmental Consultant | 902 Archaeologist |
| 167 Ecologist/Ecology Researcher | 407 Early Childhood Teacher | 522 Writer | 792 Environmental Educator or Lobbyist | 903 Economist |
| 168 Geneticist/Genetic Researcher | 417 Elementary School Teacher | 540 Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences | 793 Fisheries Manager | 904 Geographer |
| 169 Marine Biologist | 430 Secondary School Teacher | 550 Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics | 794 Forester | 905 International Relations and Affairs |
| 170 Microbiologist/Immunologist | 432 Special Education Teacher | 551 Translator/Interpreter | 796 Wildlife Manager | 906 Government Service Worker |
| 171 Molecular Biologist | 436 School or College Administrator | 600 Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences | 800 Parks, Recreation, and Fitness | 908 Sociologist |
| 172 Medical or Biomedical Researcher | 438 College Professor | 601 Laboratory Technician | 802 Recreation and Fitness Administrator or Manager | 920 Theology and Religious Vocations |
| 175 Zoologist/Zoological Researcher | 440 School Counselor | 603 Athletic Trainer | 803 Athletic Director | 921 Clergy/Minister |
| 200 Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services | 450 Engineering | 604 Physician's Assistant | 810 Personal and Culinary Services | 940 Visual and Performing Arts |
| 201 Accountant | 451 Aerospace Engineer | 606 Speech Pathologist/Audiologist | 830 Physical Sciences | 941 Art Museum Curator or Archivist |
| 202 Actuary | 452 Agricultural Engineer/Bioengineer | 610 Nutritionist/Dietician | 832 Astronomer | 942 Dancer/Choreographer |
| 204 Manager/Management Consultant | 453 Architectural Engineer | 619 Nurse | 833 Astrophysicist | 943 Actor/Director |
| 209 Stockbroker/Financial Analyst/Investment or Commercial Banker | 454 Biomedical Engineer | 620 Occupational Therapist | 834 Meteorologist | 944 Fashion or Textile Designer |
| | 455 Chemical Engineer | 624 Physical Therapist | 836 Chemist | 945 Film Production Worker |
| | 456 Civil Engineer | 627 Dentist | 837 Geologist | 947 Artist/Commercial Artist |
| | | 628 Physician | 838 Polymer Chemist | 948 Graphic Designer |
| | | 629 Pharmacist | 843 Physicist | 949 Interior Designer |
| | | 630 Veterinarian | | 950 Musician/Composer |
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| | | | | 990 Other |
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